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Love...

...is a feeling of deep affection...

...toward another person.

When people are in love...

...they may experience sudden agitation...

...that manifests as heart palpitations, blushing, and sweating.

They may also...

...experience ***disordered communication.***

Communication 208: Year Two Sports Festival

WE THE ATHLETES PROMISE...
WE SHALL STRIVE FOR VICTORY...
...WITHOUT CHEATING OR OTHER ACTS OF IMPRO-PRIETY.
...TO ENGAGE IN A FAIR FIGHT...
...IN THE SPIRIT OF SPORTS-MANSHIP...
WHAT A PERFEC-TIONIST !!
...IN A SPIRIT OF UNITY.
...SO THAT WE MAKE A CONTRI-BUTION TO SOCIETY...
...AND WE WILL SET ASIDE INDIVIDUAL PREJUDICES ...
...WITH CONSIDERATION FOR THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS...
...IN A SPIRIT OF EQUALITY...
THAT'S HARSH!
...OR SUSPEN-SION.
...AND SENTENCED TO A WEEK OF EXTRA HOMEWORK ...
... REMOVED FROM COMPE-TITION...
ANY WHO BREAK THIS OATH SHALL BE APPRE-HENDED...
ISAGI

DADUM DUM DUM DADUM DUM DUM

Radio exercises

SKWAWK

I WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE RULES!

HMM... WHO IS EXERCISING MOST BEAUTIFULLY THIS YEAR?

HOWEVER, THEY CAN'T SUBTRACT POINTS, SO DON'T HOLD BACK!

THE JUDGES MAY AWARD EXTRA POINTS FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORT.

RELAY

1ST 100 PTS

2ND 50 PTS

3RD 25 PTS

4TH 10 PTS

5TH 1 PT

10

THEY GAIN POINTS BY WINNING INDIVIDUAL EVENTS!

CLASSES WILL COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER!

TUG-OF-WAR

Last year

NO WAIT! TEN POINTS TO KOMI !!

WHOA! CLASS 1 IS RACKING UP MAJOR POINTS!!

SWIP SWIP

...DUE TO CLAIMS OF BIASED JUDGING LAST YEAR!!

Yikes!!

THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND GORIMI WILL SERVE AS INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS...

GORIMI

TEACHERS

V.P.

M.C.

Did radio exercises every morning during summer break
SHE MUST HAVE TRAINED WITH EXTREME DEDICA-TION!!
KOMI'S EXER-CISES ARE EVEN MORE REFINED THAN LAST YEAR!!
?!
...BUT AN OBSERVER MIGHT SUSPECT ME OF FAVORITISM AND HIT ME WITH THAT GIANT FAN.
GLANCE
10
I WANT TO AWARD KOMI TEN POINTS ...
NOD
?!
100 MILLION
KOMI! ONE HUN-DRED MILLION POINTS !!
THE END

Communication 208 — The End

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LET THE 24TH ITAN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL BEGIN!
POOM
PAPOOM
AIZAWA
HERE ARE SOME ATHLETES TO WATCH TODAY!!
I'M YOUR M.C., MINORI AIZAWA!!
THE WHOLE GRADE HAS JOINED FORCES TO HELP THEM WIN!!
THIS IS THE FIRST-YEAR BOSS GORO SUTENO!
WE'RE GONNA KICK KOMI'S BUTT!
HE LEADS CLASS 1-4, WHICH IS A VERITABLE PACK OF WOLVES!!

Communication 209: Year Two Sports Festival, Part 2

WOOT! WOOT!

KNOCK IT OFF!

REPRESENTING CLASS 2-2 IS CLASS PRESIDENT **MIKUNI KATO!**

HAS THIS BRAINY ASPIRANT TO THE RANKS OF PROFESSIONAL SHOGI PLAYERS DEVISED A STRATEGY FOR ATHLETIC VICTORY?!

KATO

YOU FREE LATER, BABE?

OH, STOP! EVERYONE IS WATCHING!

BUT COULD HIS LOVE FOR OLDER LADIES TRIP HIM UP?!

V.P.

AND THIS IS **HOSHIO JUKUJOSKY MAEDA!!**

AS THE SCHOOL'S TOP SPRINTER, HE'S SCHEDULED TO COMPETE AT NATIONALS!

THE TIME HAS COME FOR HER TO SHOW HER SKILLS OR STEP ASIDE!!

NOW FOR CHIKA NETSUNO!!

THIS ENTHUSIASTIC POWERHOUSE BELONGS TO EVERY SPORTS CLUB AT SCHOOL!!

HOT INTRO!

I GIVE IT 146 DEGREES!

CLIK

NETSUNO

MOVING ON!

BUT WORD HAS IT HE'S GOT A CUTE GIRLFRIEND!

STANDING OVER SIX FEET TALL, HE'S BIG!! NO FURTHER COMMENT NECESSARY!!

NEXT IS TOSHIO SEIKIMATSU !!

YAY

IT'S THE APOCA-LYPSE!!

CHATTER

EVER UNFAIR ARE THE WAYS OF THE WORLD!!

CHATTER

DESPITE THOSE LOOKS?!

YAY

ARGH!

POUUUUUUT
RIBON IMOTO (♂)!!
IMOTO VIEWS ALL BOYS AS OLDER BROTHERS!!
DON'T GET HURT, BOYS!
TODAY, WILL THEY HAVE TO SEE THEIR LITTLE SISTER (♂) CRY?!
YAHOOOOO
*The boys are pumped up.
THIS IS SETOKA ICHO! SHE WAS ONCE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT ...
...BUT NOW SHE'S NOBODY!
HEY, THIS IS NO TIME FOR SPLITTING WATER-MELON!!
CARE-FUL!
BEHIND YOU!!

LEMME HEAR YOU ROAR !!

RAAAAAAAH

ATHLETES, GET READY AND TAKE THE FIELD!!

FIRST IS TUG-OF-WAR!!

HEAVE-HO

HEAVE-HO

BLAM

UMFFF!

WHOOPS!

WOBBLE

I GOTTA PULL HARD TO DO TADANO PROUD!!

Hmph!

KATAI

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

FU

CAUGHT YOU!

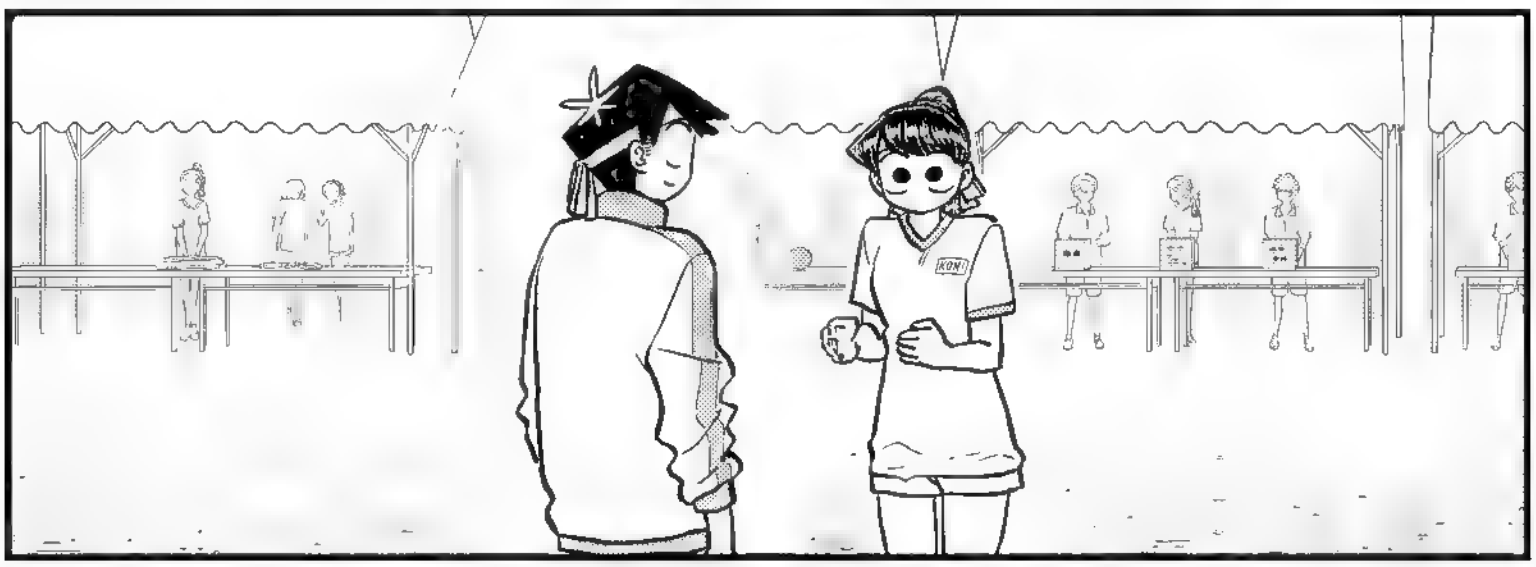
MP

UM...
UH...
HEAVE
HEAVE-HO
TH...

It came out wrong.
THANK YOU!
HUH?
THING YON!!

HWIP HWUP
ACTUALLY, SOMEONE HAS CHUNKED UP FROM TOO MANY BOBA TEAS!!
100 times
HEY! I JUST GAINED SOME CURVES!
HWIP HWUP
WE'LL NEVER SET A RECORD BECAUSE SOMEONE SUCKS AT SPORTS!
WHOEVER COULD YOU MEAN?!
HWIP HWUP
Jump rope
BOING
AGARI
PER-FECT!
BOING
Obstacle race
10
BORROWING BOX
!
A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX
Borrowing compe-tition
GLANCE
GLANCE
GLANCE

!
TANAKA
NEED TO BORROW SOME-THING?
NOD NOD
!
OH...HI, KOMI!
TROT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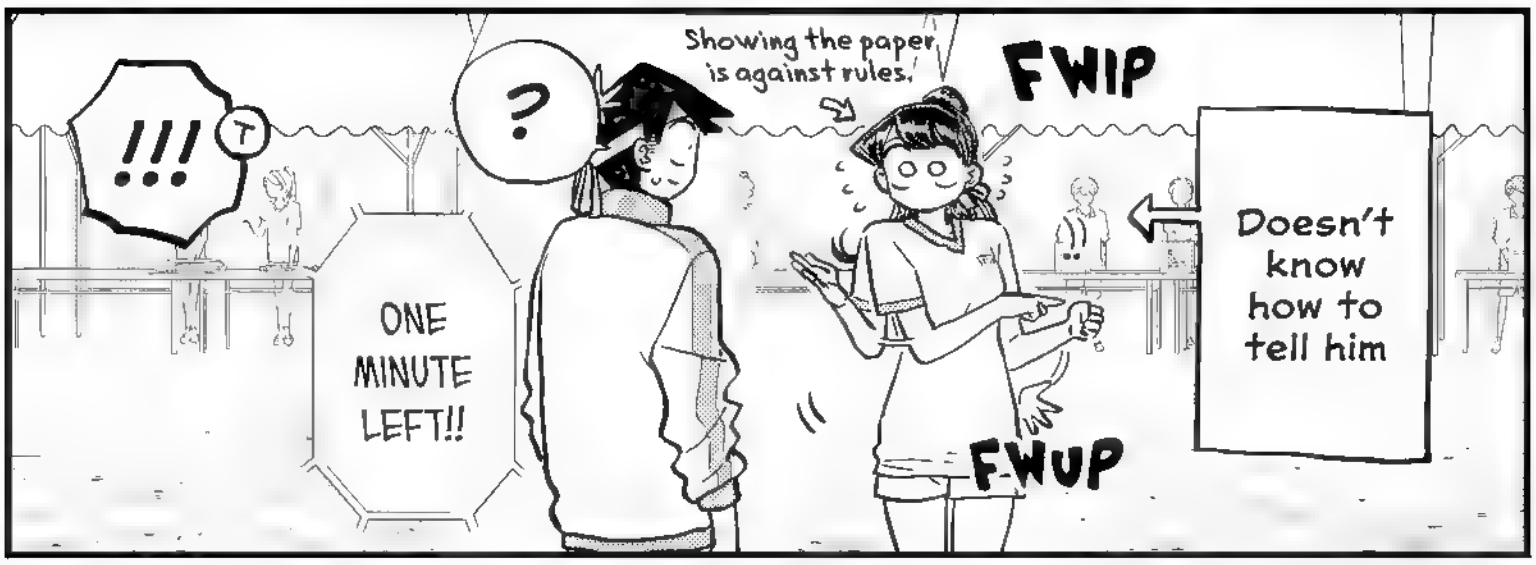
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?
Showing the paper is against rules.
FWIP
ONE MINUTE LEFT!!
Doesn't know how to tell him
FWUP

YANK

HUH?

HEY, UM...

GRAB

TADANO

!

A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX

KOMI

!

CLASS 2-1 WINS 5 POINTS.

PHEW

!!

NOD

...A BOY, HUH?

OH! YOU HAD TO BORROW...

Writing, "Thank you"

KOM.

TADANO

GASP

Suddenly remembering everyone saw them holding hands

KOM.

TADANO

BLUSH

HHHHHH

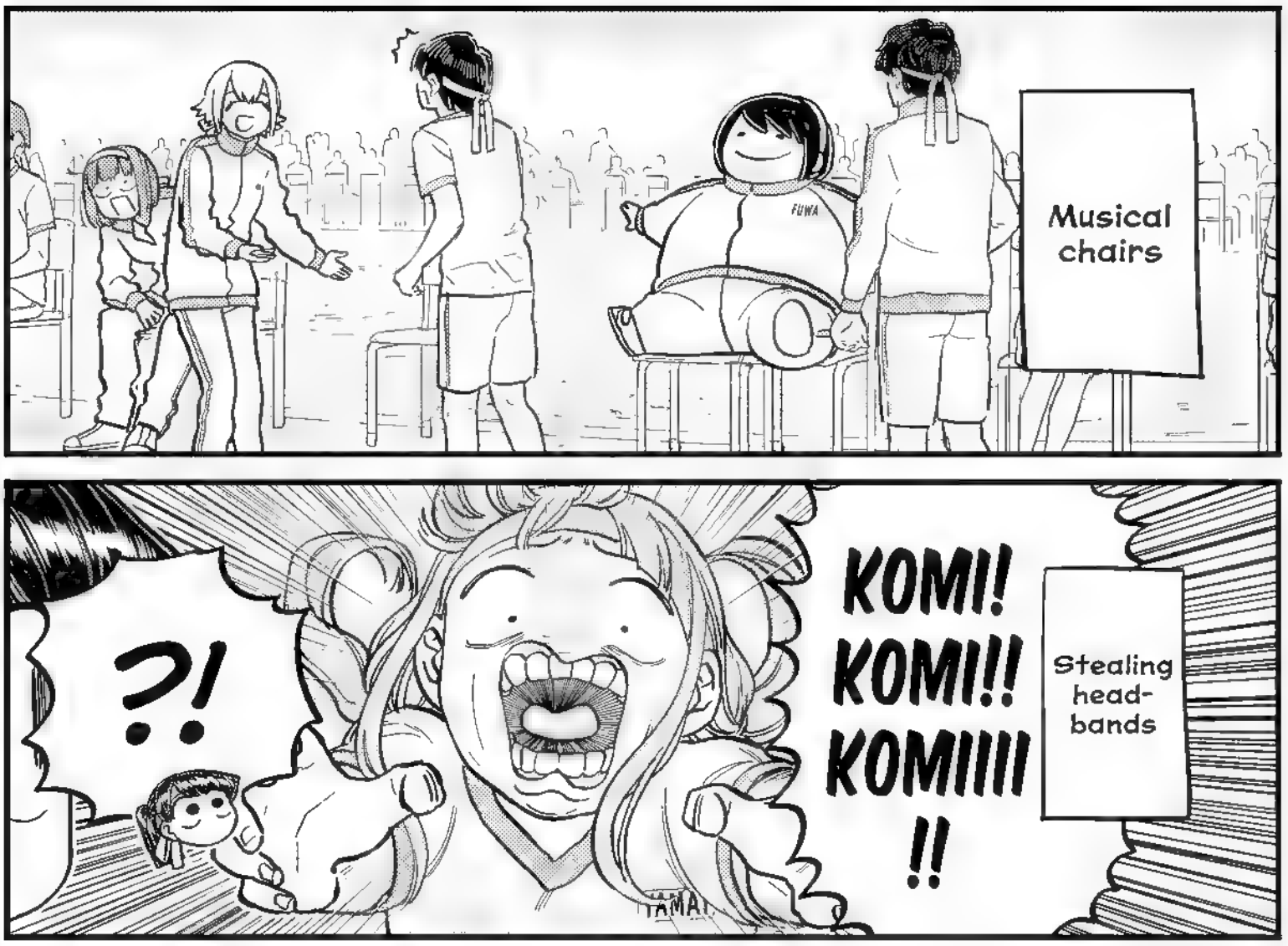
It came out wrong.

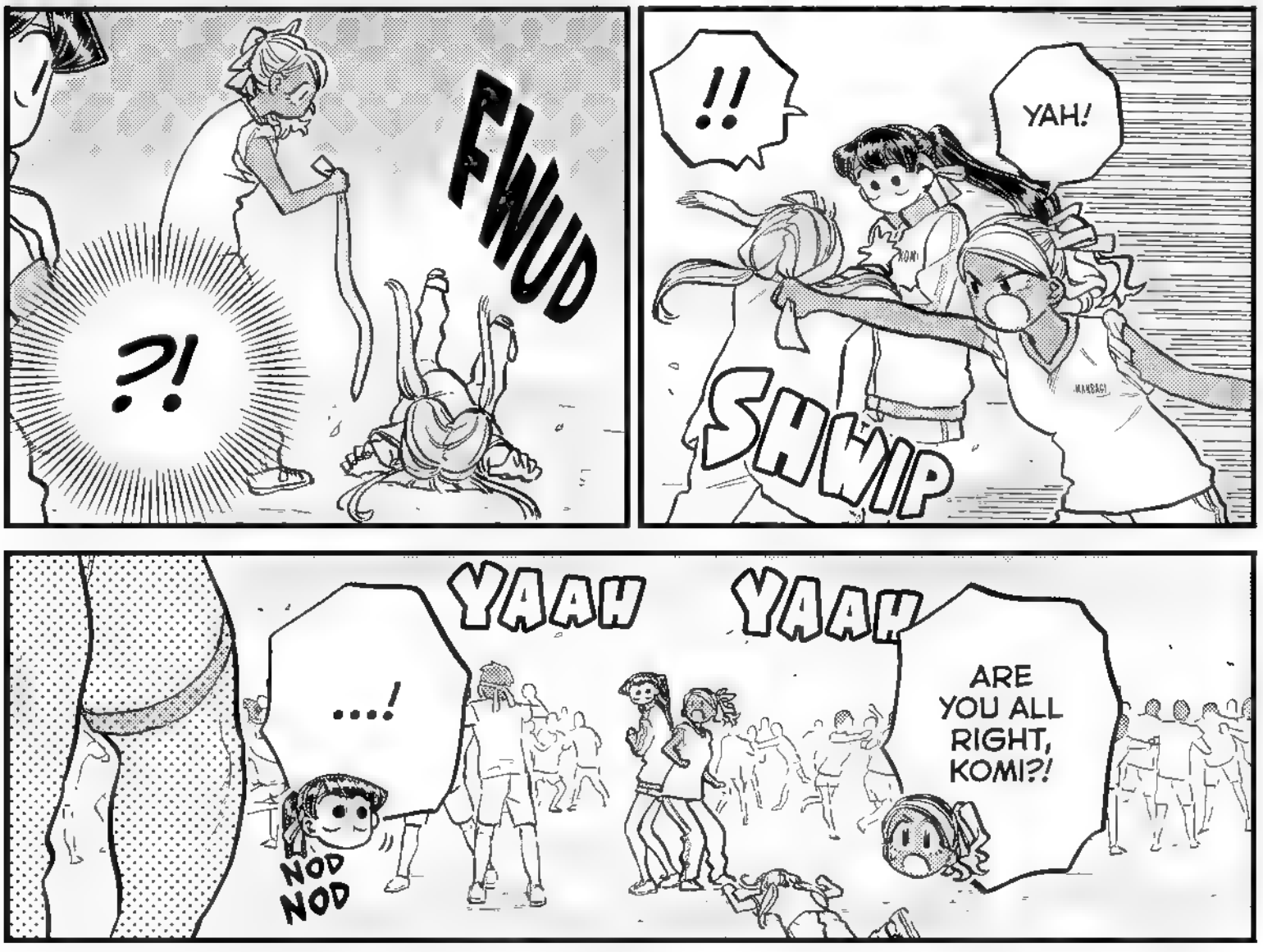
Thing yon.

Thing yon.

MI

HUH?


Musical chairs
?!
KOMI!
KOMI!!
KOMIIII
!!
Stealing head-bands


?!
FWUD
!!
YAH!
SHWIP
...!
NOD NOD
YAAH
YAAH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KOMI?!

?!

KOMIIIII

...

WAIT! YOU GOTTA FIGHT US FIRST !!

LESSER THUGS THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET.

Katai

*Suteno thinks Katai's last name is Komi.

?!

...!!!!

!!

TH UD

And fall like flies.

I'VE GOT YOU NOW!!

SHWIP

?!

SUTENOJI

TADANO

TH UD

?!

...HIM.

I TOTALLY DIDN'T NOTICE ...

YAAAAAA

Y-YEAH.

YA AAA

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KATAI?

UM...

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Communication 210: Say "Ahh!"

UH, YEAH.

YOU FORGOT YOUR LUNCH?!

Katai wants to share his lunch.

NO, THEY'RE AWAY TODAY.

CAN A FAMILY MEMBER BRING IT?

THE FOOD STAND IS CLOSED.

FIDGET FIDGET

IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO SLIP UP LIKE THAT!

A PLOY FOR ATTENTION, PERHAPS?

GLEE BEAM

!

KATAI

KOMETANI

SILLY YOU! WANNA SHARE MINE?

FIDGET

They want to share their lunches too.

OKAY, JUST A LITTLE. THANKS.

FIDGET

*Sitting around not eating is also rude.

NO, I COULDN'T ...

FIDGET FIDGET
POOR YOU! HAVE A BITE OF MINE!
!
UH... YEAH.
!
WHAT? YOU FORGOT YOUR LUNCH?
TADANO
KOMETANI
SAY "AHH"...
?!

AHH ...

...!!

...OKAY.

NO, UH...

CHOMP

...

YES, THANK YOU.

TASTE GOOD?

TROMMMMP

?!

HAVE SOME OF OURS TOO!!

...

Mutan

SAY "AHH."

MORE FRIED CHICKEN ?!

Gonzales

SAY "AHH."

ONEMINE TOO?!

Nene Onemine

SAY "AHH."

UH, NO THANK YOU.

Smushing with hand

Najimi Osana

Partially eaten

SAY "AHH."

SLOOOOW

UM, ARE YOU DONE YET?

Kaede Otori

SAY "AHHH HHHH HHHH HH..."

TREMMMMBLE

UM, THAT'S TOO MUCH.

Amami Sato

SAY "AHH."

HUH? OKAY, UNDER-STOOD.

Reika Tsunde

I'M NOT DOING THIS BECAUSE I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, OKAY?!

?!

CHMP

Ki-yoko Isagi

...

NOD NOD

LET'S GIVE HIM SOME OF OURS TOO!

!!

YOU FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, RIGHT?!

KOMI

TADANO!

TUMP

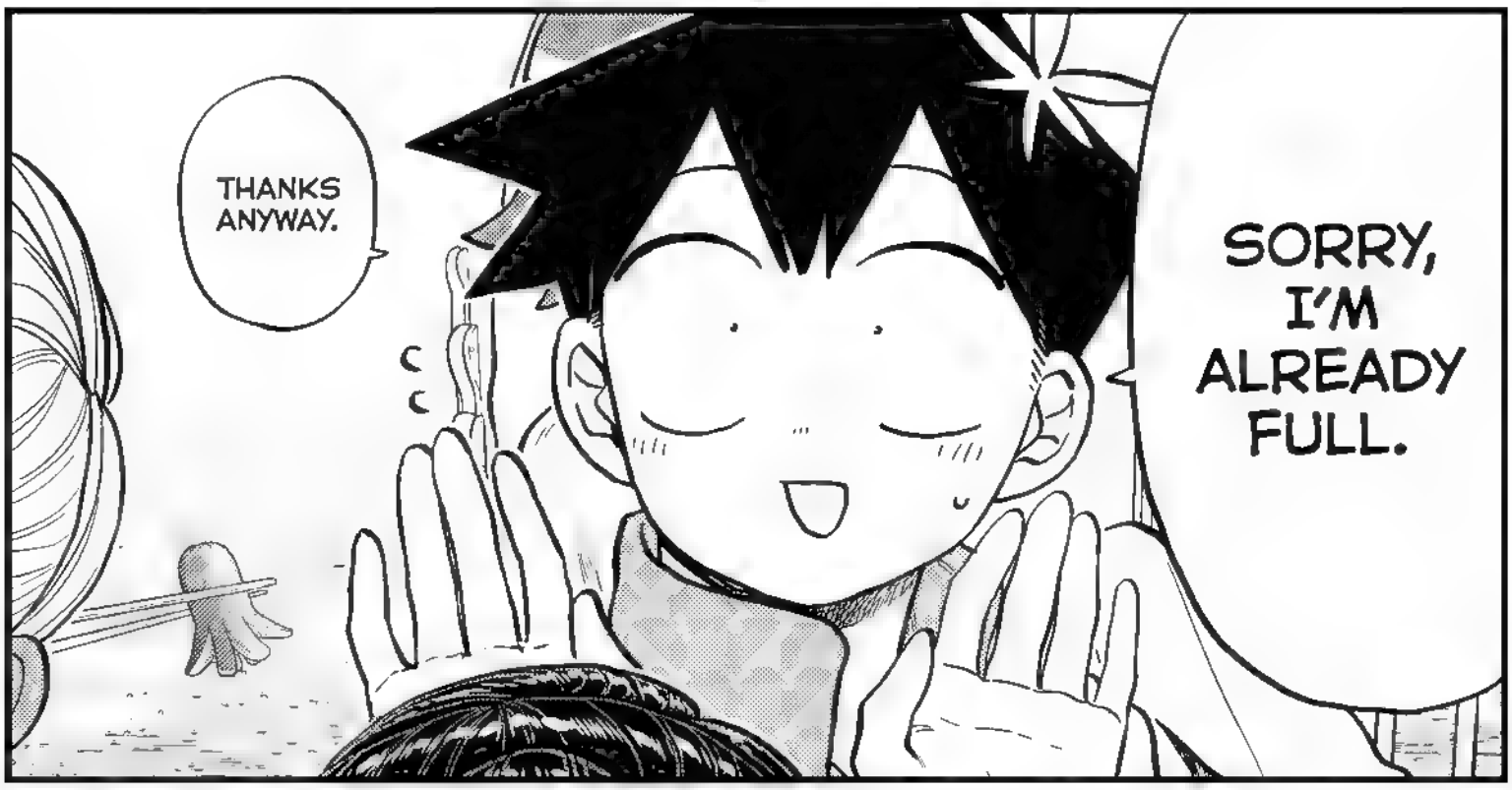
T...

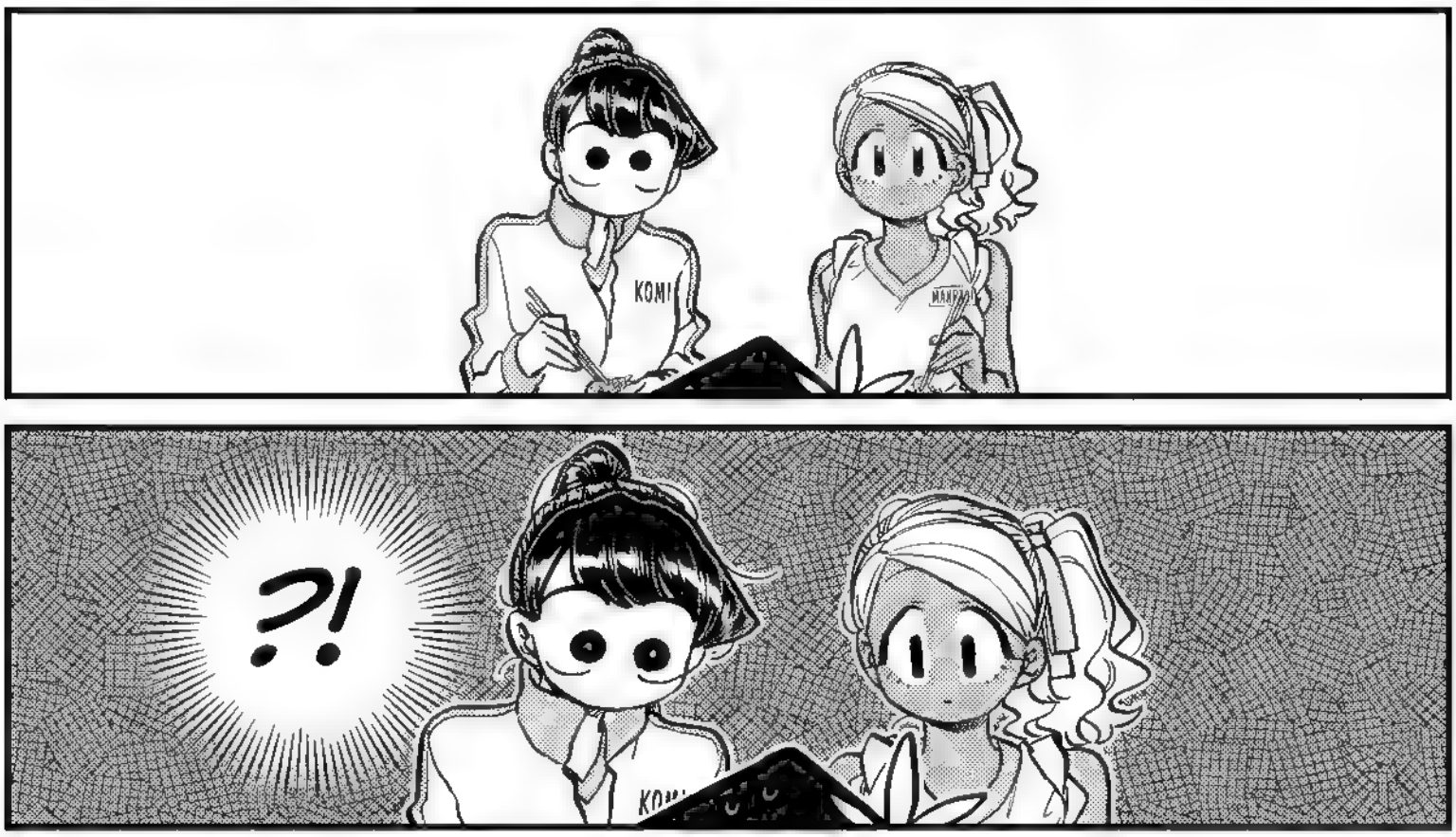
SAY...

...“AHH”
...

!

KOMI





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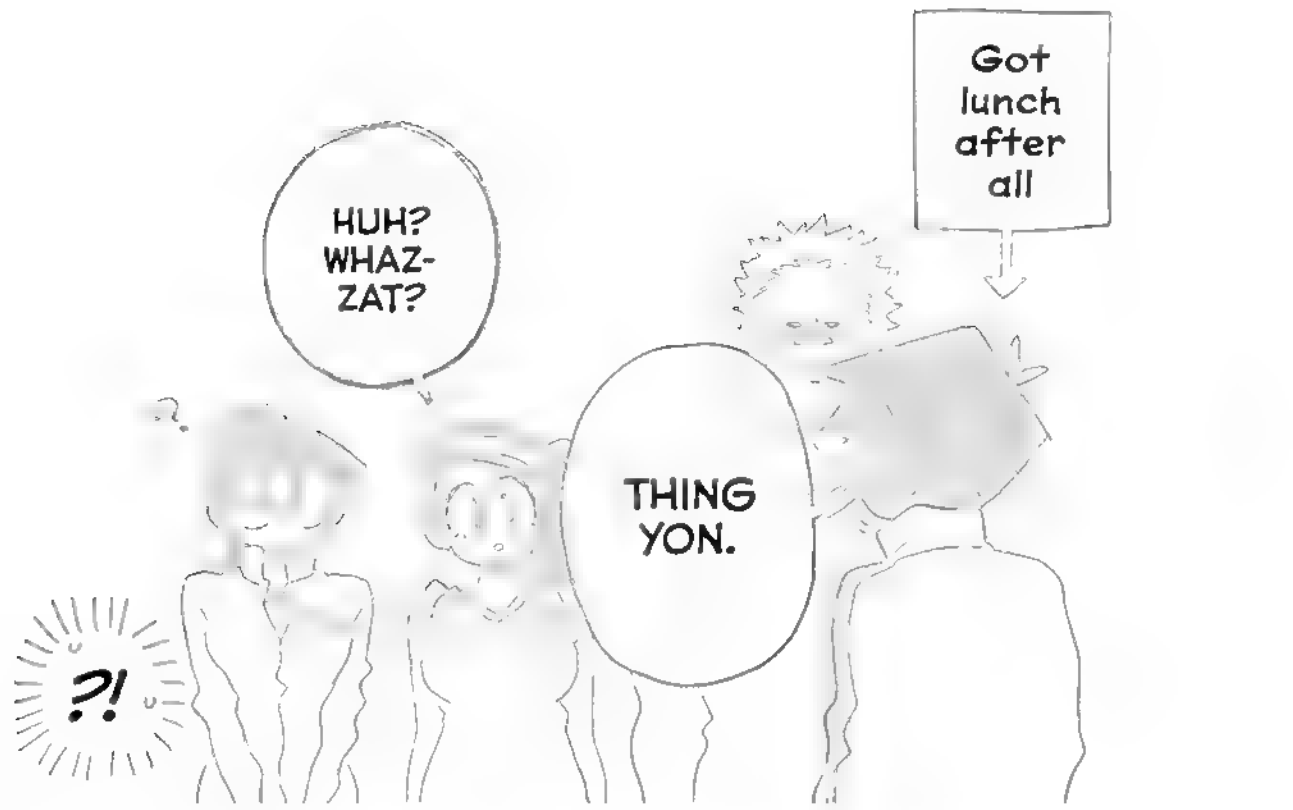
Got lunch after all
HUH? WHAZ-ZAT?
THING YON.
?!

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Communication 211: Water

FLINCH

!

TADAAAAH

WE'RE GONNA KICK KOMI'S BUTT!

LO

ON

...

OTHERWISE, YOU'LL GET DEHYDRATED.

HAVE SOME ORAL REHYDRATION SOLUTION.

HAVE SOME ER.

...

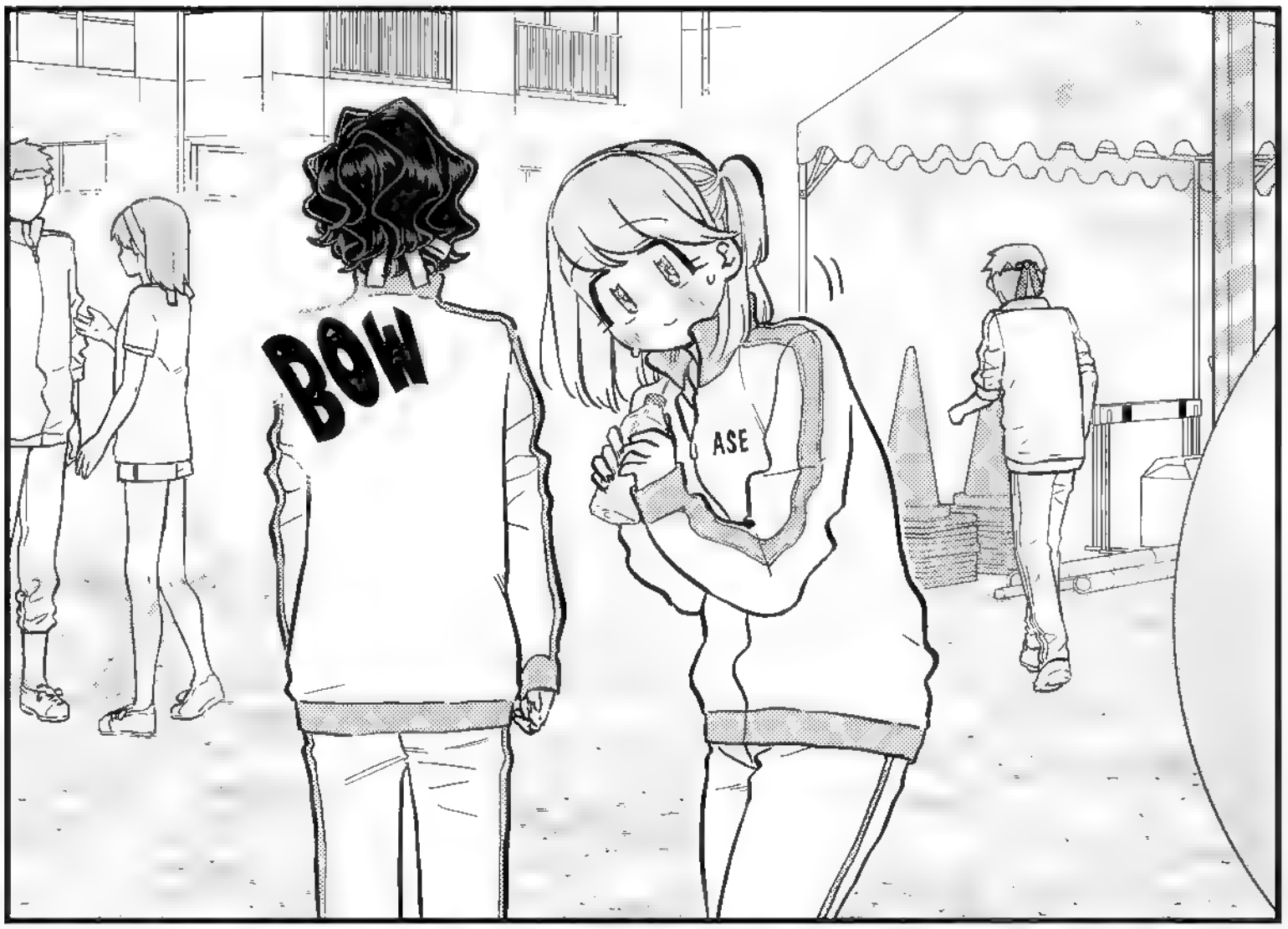
THANKS. BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO.

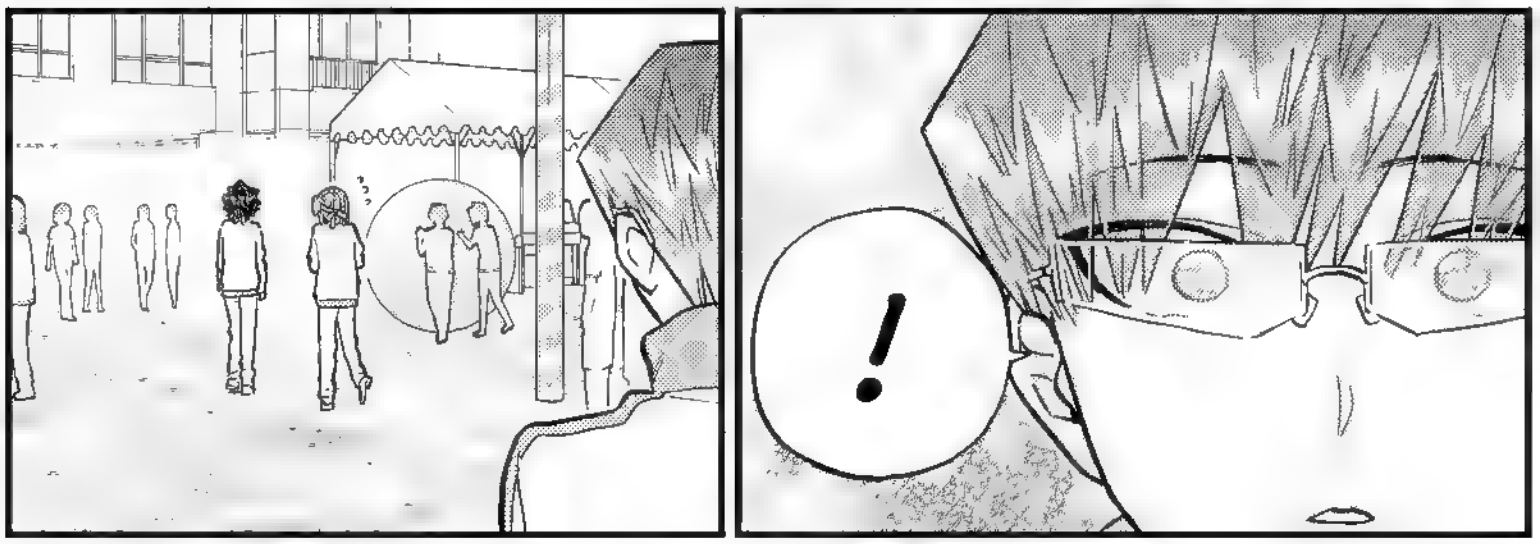
DON'T WORRY. I DISIN-FECTED IT.

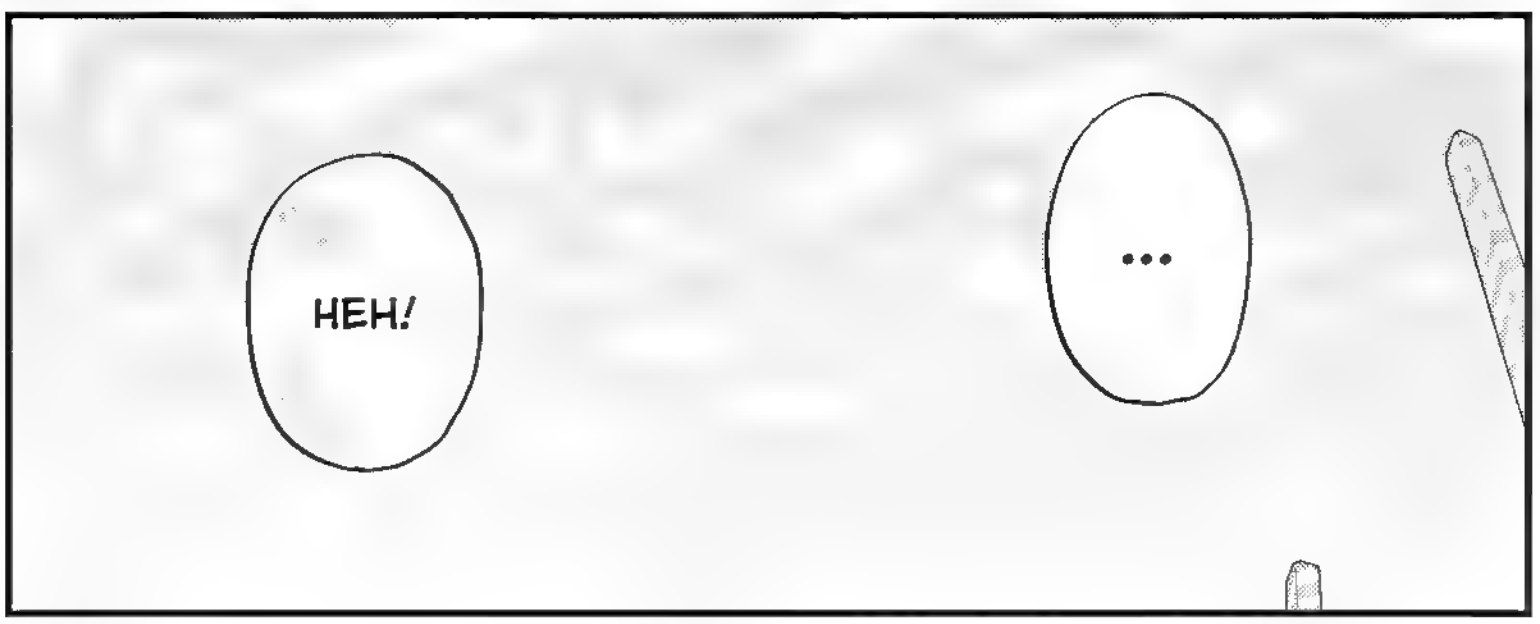
OH, THANKS.

ASE

NARUSE







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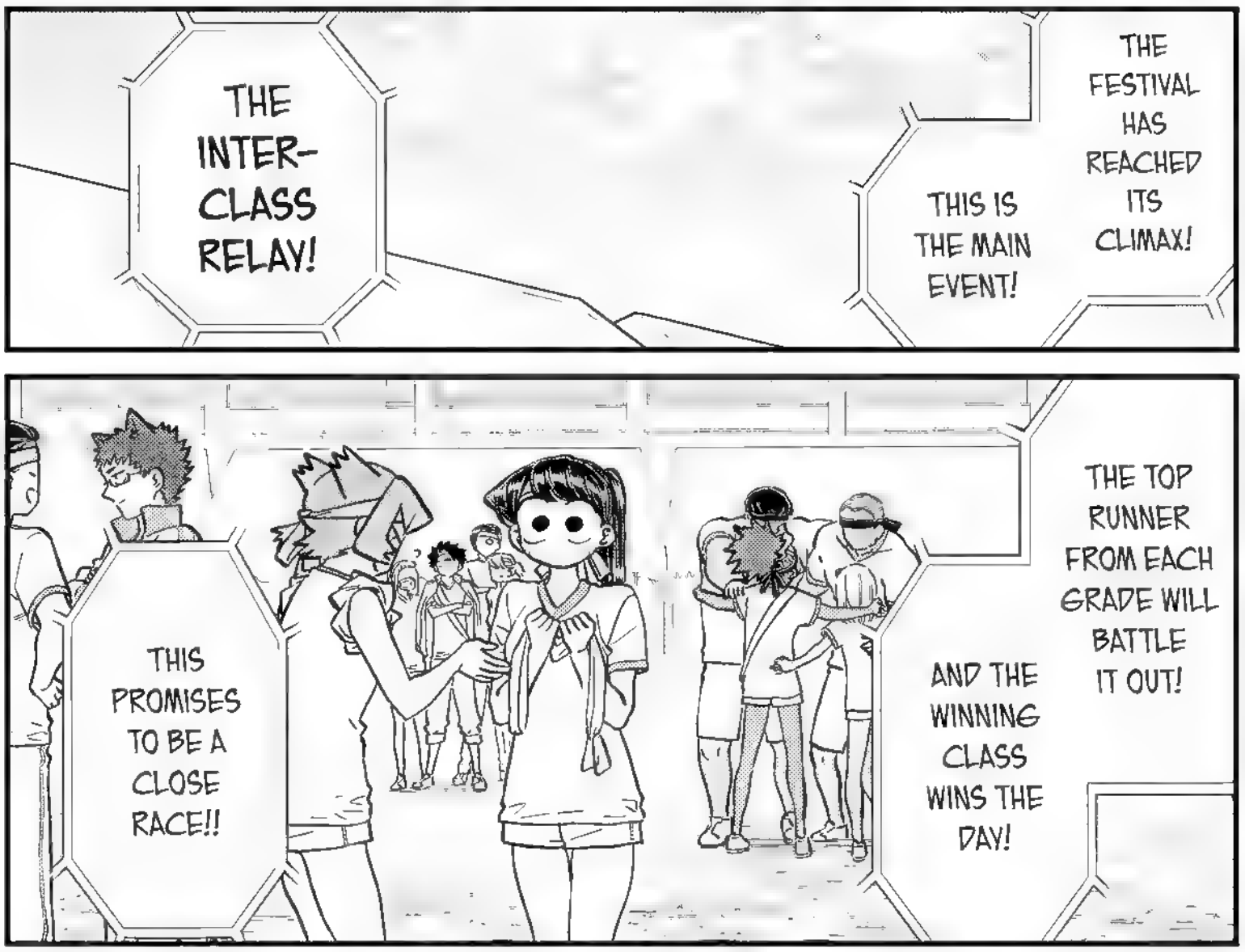

THE INTER-CLASS RELAY!
THIS IS THE MAIN EVENT!
THE FESTIVAL HAS REACHED ITS CLIMAX!
THIS PROMISES TO BE A CLOSE RACE!!
AND THE WINNING CLASS WINS THE DAY!
THE TOP RUNNER FROM EACH GRADE WILL BATTLE IT OUT!

Communication 212: Year Two Sports Festival, Part 3

!

SO IT'S BEEN A YEAR, HUH?

FWOOOO

THIS YEAR, I'M GONNA HIT 420 DEGREES...

FLIK

...AND WIN THIS!

Ner-vous

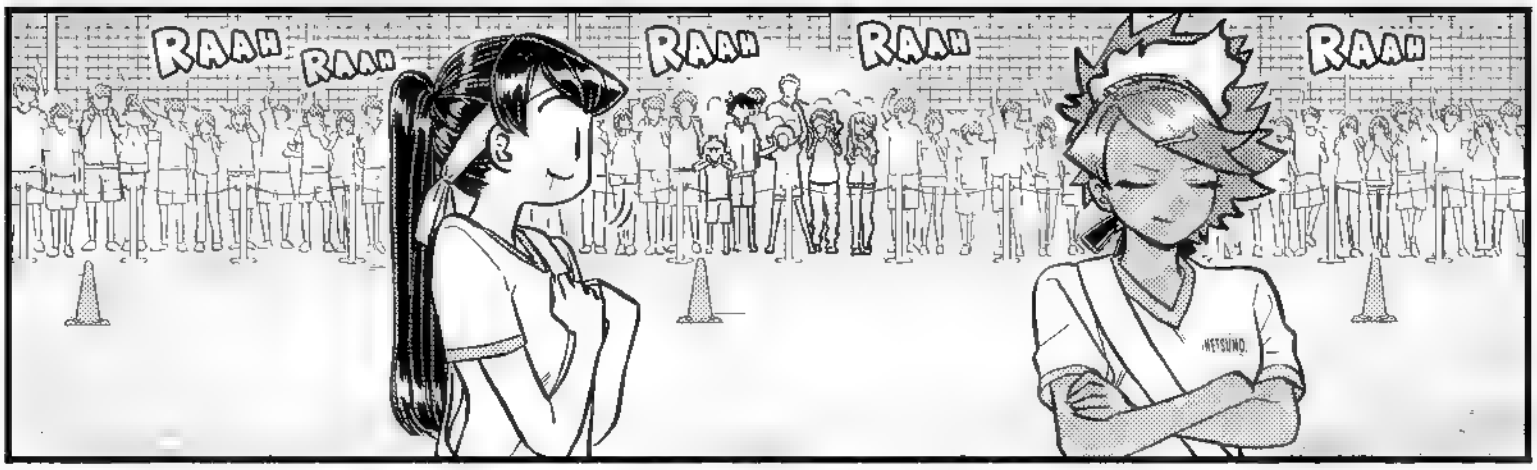
SHAKE SHAKE

GASP

...

NOD NOD

GOOD LUCK, KOMI!!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RAAH
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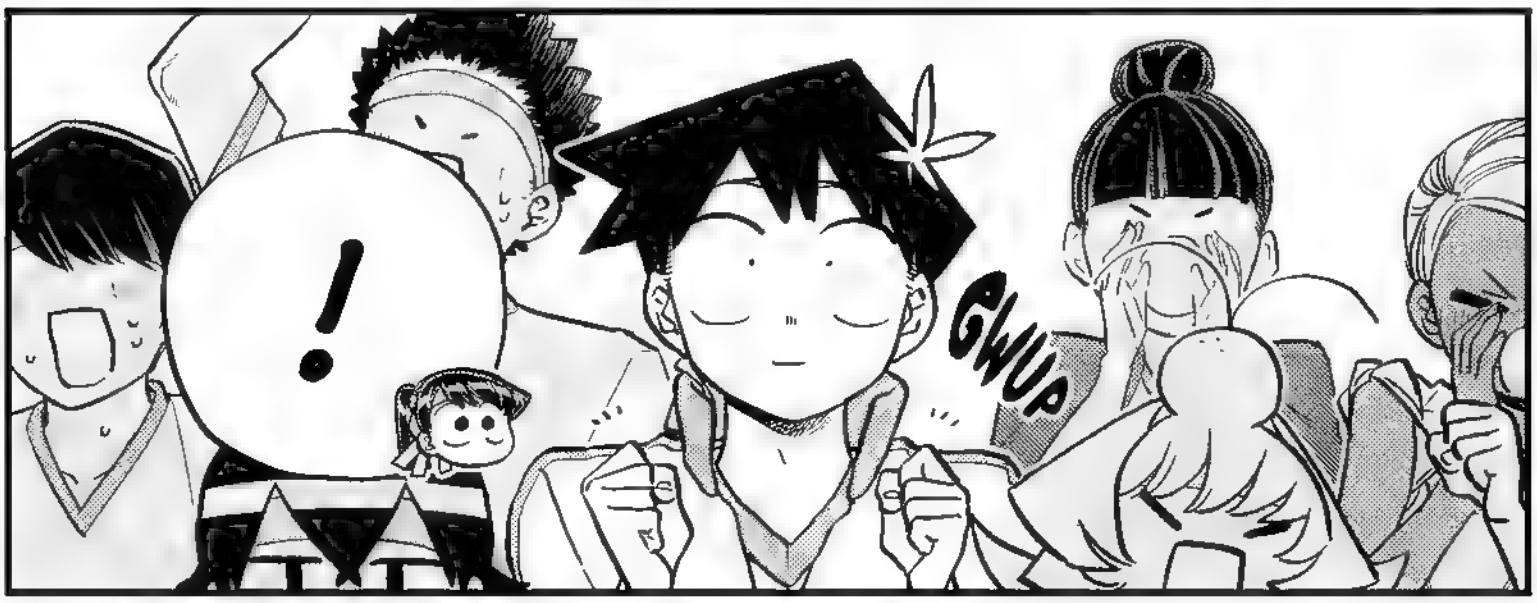
RAAH


!
GWUP

GWUP

THE STARTING RUNNERS HAVE ROUNDED THE CORNER!

CLASS 2-1 CAN'T DECIDE ON ITS NEXT RUNNER!

?!

NO, I AM!!

NO, ME!

Ken Inui

Mei Sarutahiko

I'M RUN-NING NEXT!

NO, I AM!

BUT WHAT'S THIS?!

Inui and Sarutahiko don't get along.

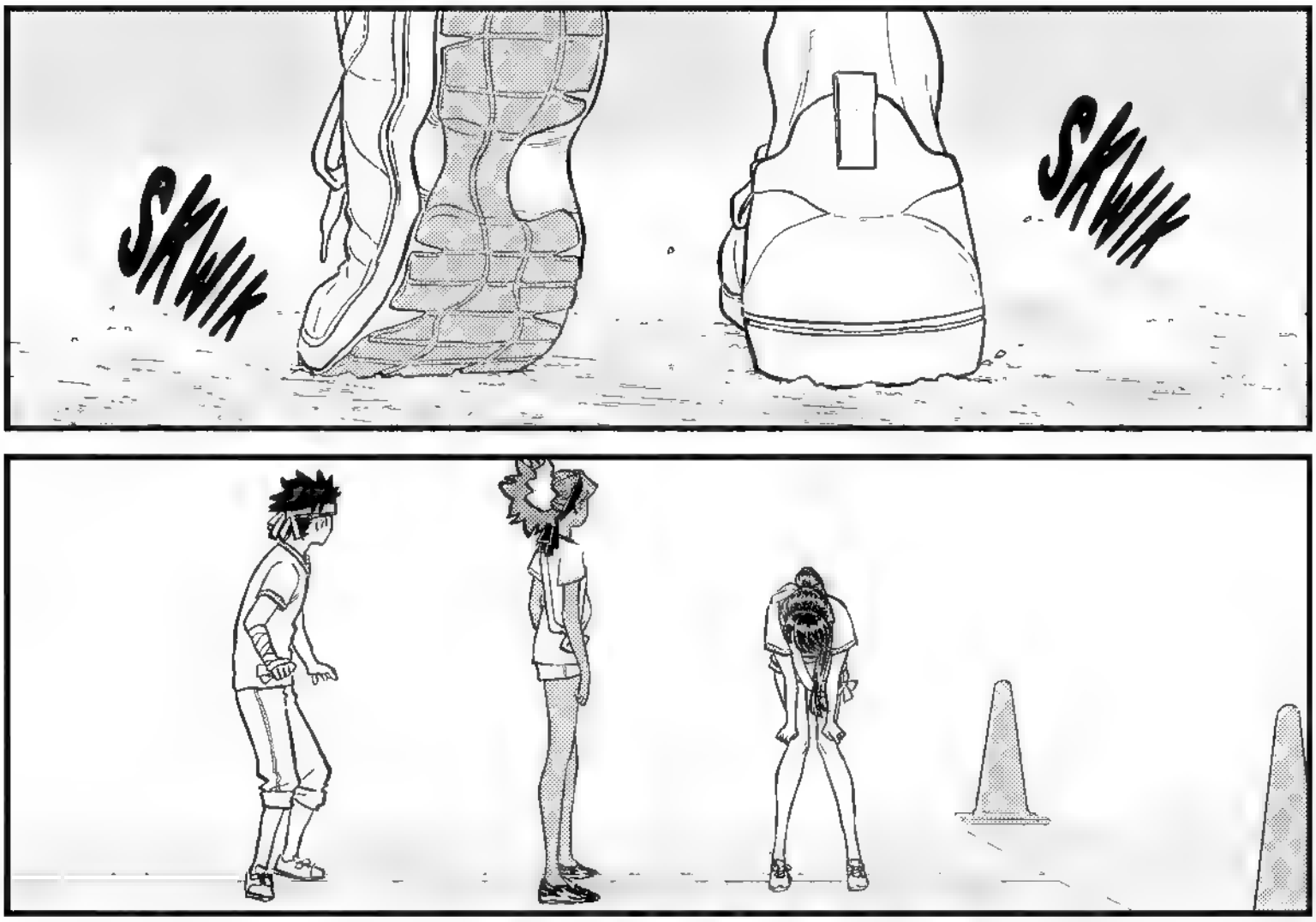
?!

THEY'RE RUNNING TOGETHER !!

They ran the entire third heat that way.

AND THEY'RE IN PERFECT SYNC!!

IT'S TURNED INTO A THREE-LEGGED RACE!!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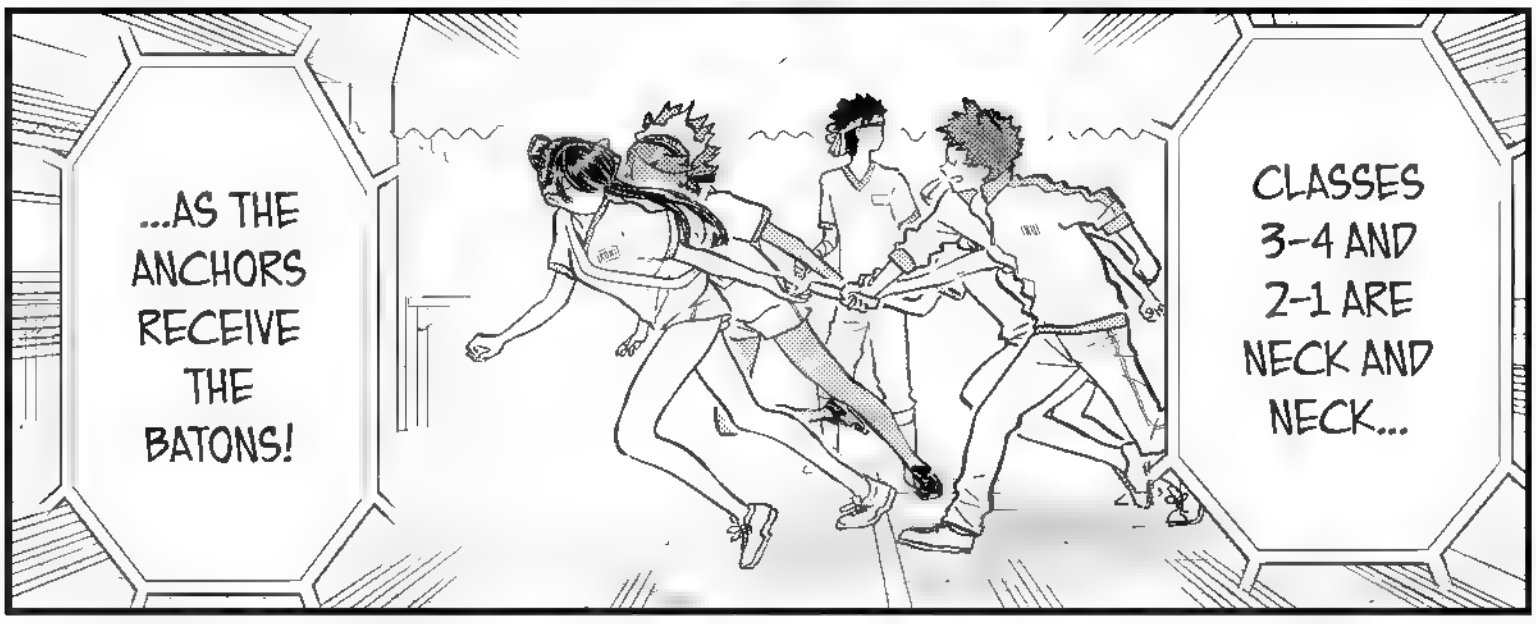
...AS THE ANCHORS RECEIVE THE BATONS!
CLASSES 3-4 AND 2-1 ARE NECK AND NECK...

HUFF
KOMI
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
IT'S A DEAD HEAT!!!

WHO WON?!
WHO CAME IN FIRST?!
...WAS A FINE RACE.
THAT...
YAY
THE WINNER IS NETSUNO FROM CLASS 3-4!!
I GIVE IT 1,600 DEGREES !!
IT'D MELT IRON!
YAY

HUFF
HUFF
STOMP
~~~
STOMP
BWA HA...

OOPS. SORRY.
!
!
I'M SURPRISED YOU'RE SO FRUSTRATED.
~~~

...NEXT YEAR.

I WON'T BE HERE...

...SO LET'S BATTLE AGAIN!

BUT WE CAN RACE ANYTIME ...

NOD

HURRAH

THEY SHAKE HANDS IN A SHOW OF MUTUAL RESPECT!

Komi and Netsuno became friends.

?!

Here's my contact info.

Flik

WHAT?! ALREADY ?!

SO HOW ABOUT ... ... TOMOR-ROW?

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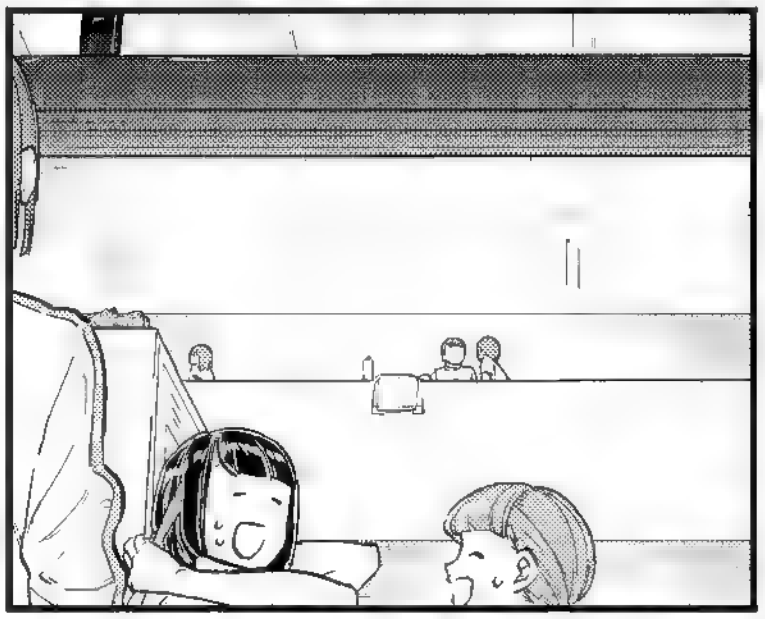

TRRRRRR

Sorry.
I lost.

BLE

Communication 213: Pat Pat

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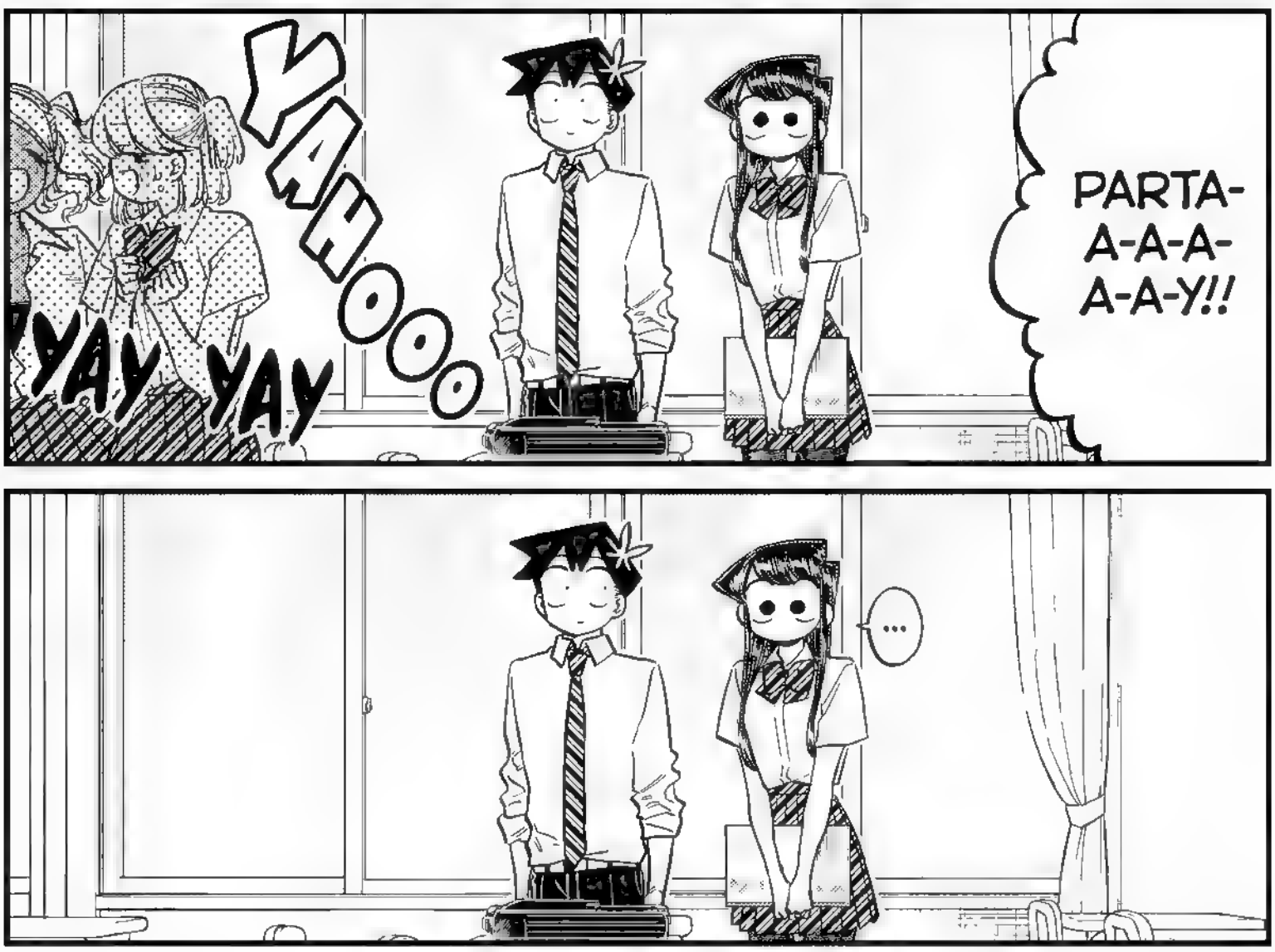
WORRY
HUH? YOU WANNA FIGHT RIGHT NOW?!
FINE! BRING IT ON!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STARTED IT!
NO!! YOU MIGHT'VE WON IF THIS CREEP HADN'T STARTED QUAR-RELING!!
?!
AND IT'S TEACHERS' TREAT!!
YAHOOOOO
ANYWAY, IT'S DINNER TIME!
TOO BAD! IT WAS A CLOSE RACE!


YAHOOO
YAY YAY
PARTA-A-A-A-A-Y!!
...

JOLT
GASP
...
DON'T WORRY. TAKE YOUR TIME.
SWEAT SWEAT
Hasn't packed yet
!!
!!
...
PAT PAT

BLUSH

GYAAAAAAH

I CHEER MY SISTER UP LIKE THAT! EVEN THOUGH SHE DOESN'T LIKE IT ANYMORE!!

DID IT BOTHER YOU?! SORRY!!

S-SORRY!

Y-YOU JUST SEEMED SORTA DOWN!!

...

OOPS!!

...

...SORRY.

S...

?!

FWIP

...

...WON'T DO IT AGAIN.

NO, I...

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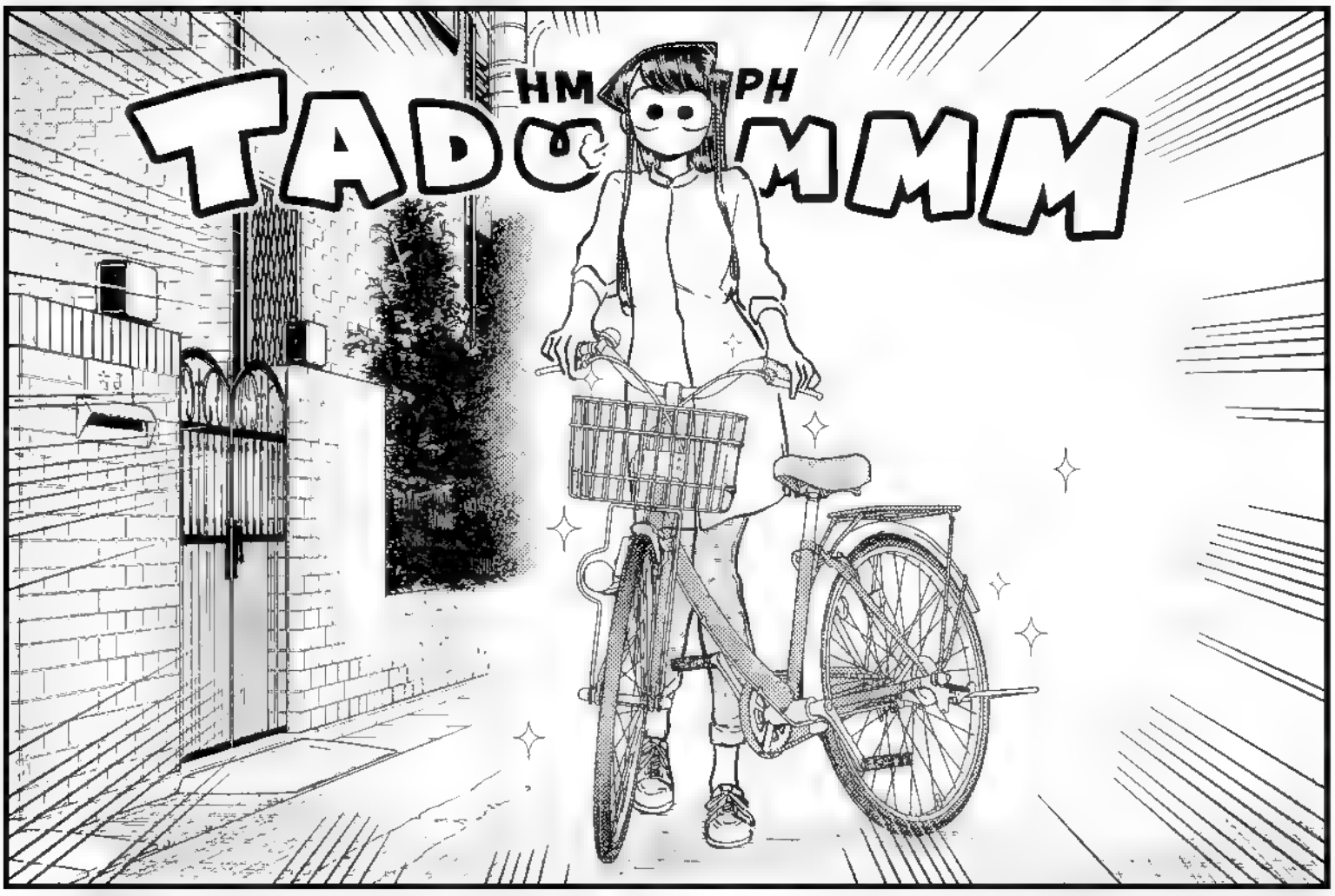
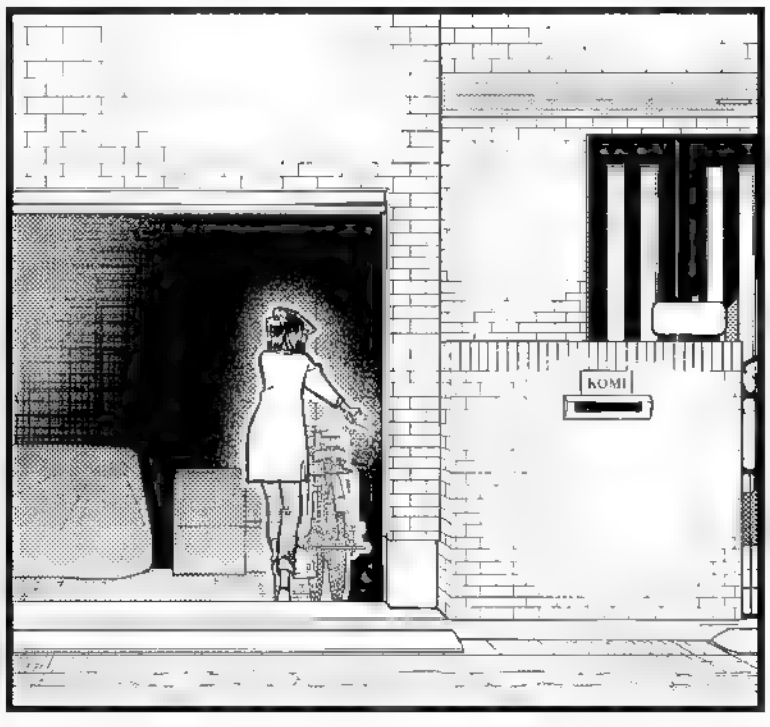
The students got a day off from school after the sports festival.


HMPH
TADAMMM

CLANK
KOMI


KOMI

TMP TMP TMP TMP

CHAK

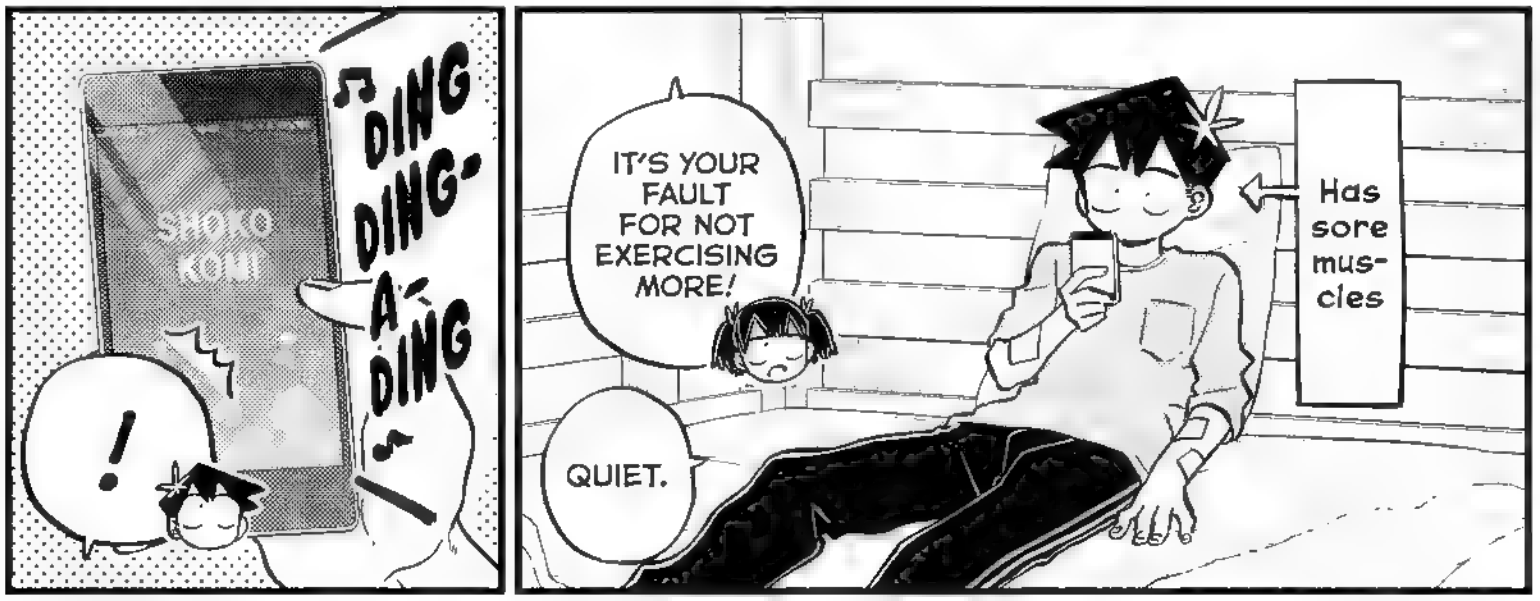
CHAK

POK

...

HMPH

...


DING DING-A-DING
SHOKO KOMI
!
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR NOT EXERCISING MORE!
QUIET.
Has sore mus-cles

HELLO?
H...

KOMI?
...!
...

OH, REALLY ?
NOW YOU'LL REALLY MAKE PROG-RESS!
YES.
UM...
...M-MY BIKE IS FIXED, SO...

SURE! SOUNDS GOOD!

!!

BUT FIRST, LET'S GO...

...SOME-WHERE.

UM...

?

Can't ask, "Just the two of us?"

...

Can't ask, "Just the two of us?"

UM...

...

UM...

GACK

Y-YES, I'LL... INVITE HER.

GACK

HE AVOIDED THE QUESTION!

W-WHAT ABOUT MANBAGI OR WHAT-EVER?!

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Communication 214: Bicycle Outing

!

SWOOSH

THANKS FOR WAITING.

OH, UH... SORRY?

Arrived 30 minutes early

YOU'RE FIVE MINUTES EARLY!

I W- WASN'T WAITING!

OH, OKAY...

NO! SHE ISN'T HERE YET!

I GUESS KOMI ISN'T HERE YET?

...

...

I SOUND SO STIFF!

REALLY? I DO IT A LOT.

IT HAS. BEEN. A WHILE. SINCE I. UM. WENT ANYWHERE. BY BIKE.

WHAT CAN WE TALK ABOUT ?!

OH? I BET SHE DID!

BUT SHE GOT THE HANG OF IT.

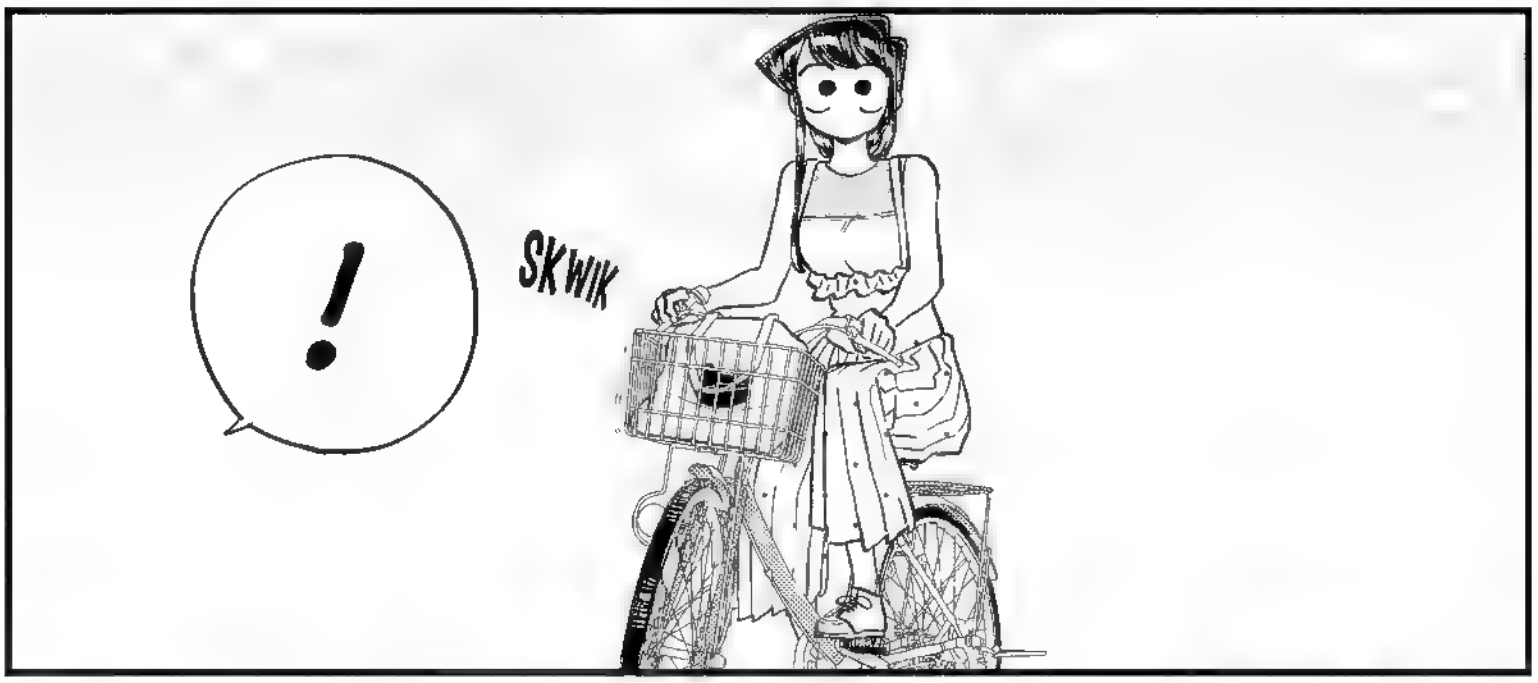
KOMI ACTUALLY JUST LEARNED HOW TO RIDE.

OH, REALLY?

TING TING

!

HOW DO YOU KNOW TH-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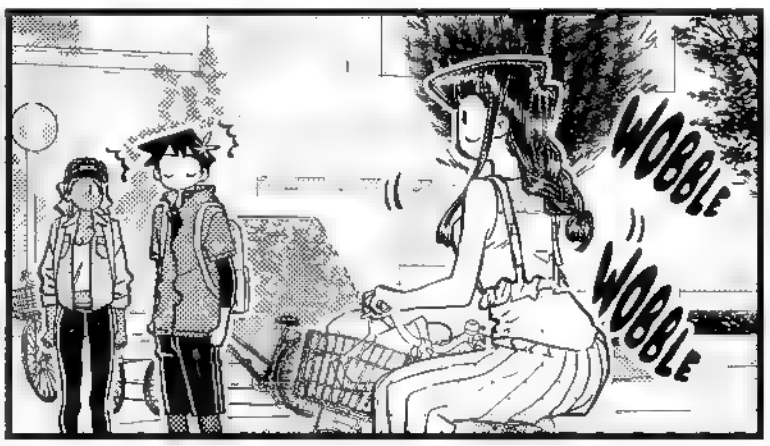
SKWIK

PHEW
TOMP


WOBBLE
WOBBLE

PROUD
SHE'S SO ADOR-ABLE.

SHE MUST BE EXCITED!

SHE'S SO CUTE!

SHE TALKED !!

FOLLOW ME.

Has to dismount to turn

F...

SUPER DUPER SLOW

Safe rid-ing

NOW I KNOW WHY KOMI ARRIVED LAST.

!

Forty minutes later, at Cat Cafe Gateau ...

NOD NOD

!

*See volume 6, communication 81.

WE CAME HERE WITH ONEMINE AND OTORI, DIDN'T WE?

CHOCO-LAT'S MAMA?!

OH! IT'S CHOCO-LAT'S MAMA!

Come in!

...YOU COME HERE A LOT, KOMI?

DOES THAT MEAN...

WOW, SHE COMES OFTEN!!

*1 visit = 1 point.

Staff

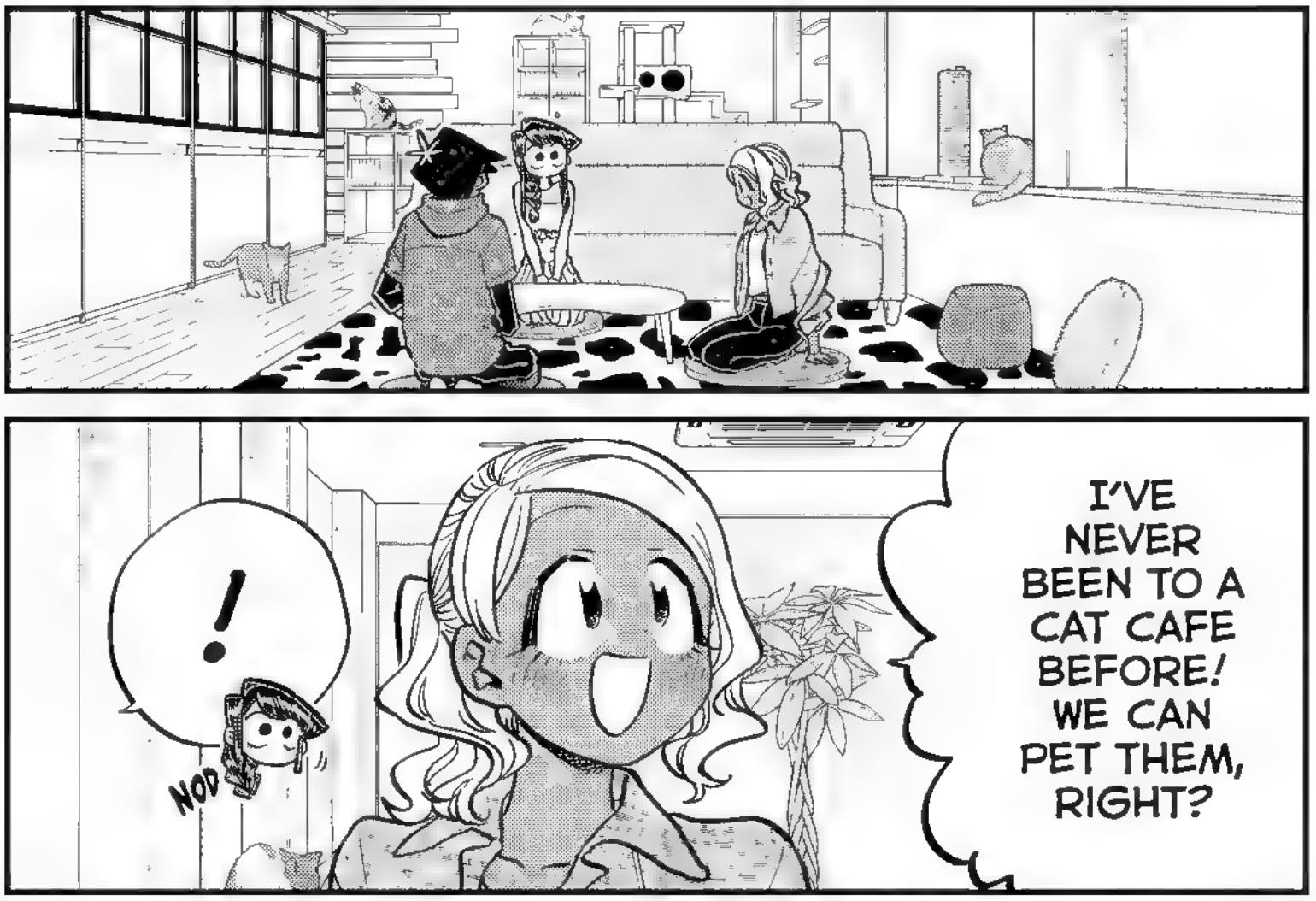
YOUR MEMBER-SHIP CARD REACHED 20 POINTS LAST TIME, SO YOUR GROUP IS FREE TODAY.

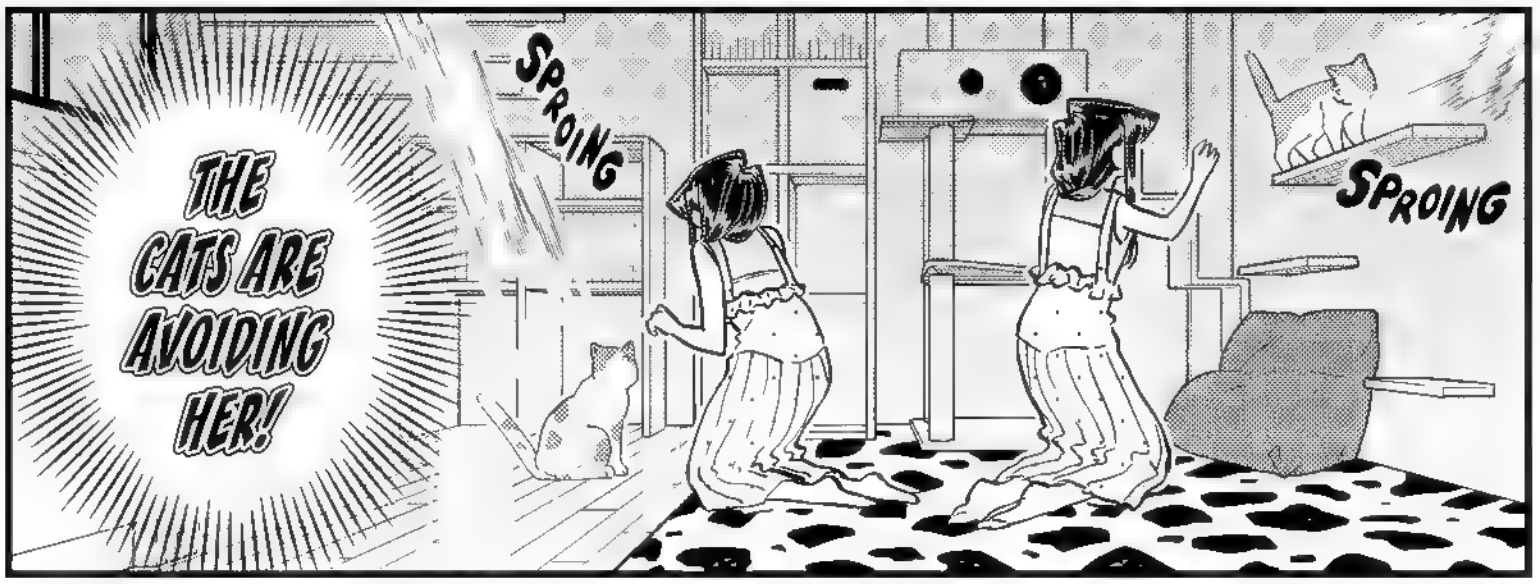
CHOCO-LAT'S MAMA?!

CLICK

Zips in fast so no cats can get out

*The employees call patrons whom the cats take a liking to "mama" or "papa."


I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A CAT CAFE BEFORE! WE CAN PET THEM, RIGHT?
!
NOD


THE CATS ARE AVOIDING HER!
SPROING
SPROING

PYOI NNNG
WA HOO OO!!*
*Trans-lated from cat language.
—The Underling— Tabimaru

WATCHA WANT, KITTY?

You're a cutie!

WHOA!

SMUSH

TEE HEE HEE!

OH, YOU LIKE SOFT STUFF?

SMUSH

Happy the cats like Manbagi

Trying *really* hard not to look

SNACK TIME!

ELEGANT

A LADY SHOULD WAIT FOR PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE!

—The Snoot—
Miss Maron

HMPH!

EVERY-ONE ELSE IS TOO EASY! IT'S SHAME-LESS!

GRACEFUL

SEE? IT WORKED!

C'MERE, GIRL!

NO DISTIN-GUISHING FEATURES WHATSO-EVER!

BUT HE'S SORTA ...

... PLAIN LOOK-ING.

BUT DON'T THINK HE'S WON MY HEART!

LICK

!

MNCH MNCH

HE ISN'T NEARLY GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME...

...BUT I'LL EAT ANYWAY.

GOOD GIRL!

OTHER HUMANS ALWAYS TREAT ME LIKE A TOY.

BUT THIS GUY...

...BEFORE DUMPING ME FOR ANOTHER CAT!

THEY JUST WANT TO PLAY AROUND...

...THE MOST HAND-SOME MAN EVER.

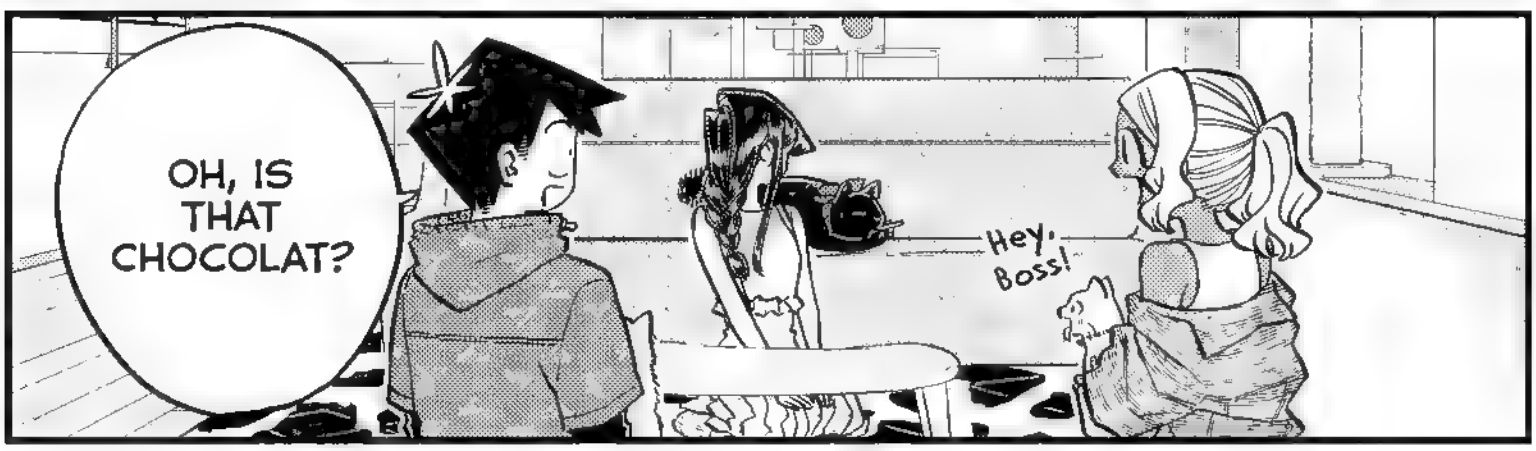
I DON'T NEED TO HAVE...

OH WELL.

?!

GLOOOOOOOOOOM
HWOMP
STOMP
?!
HWOMP

It's you again, huh?
—The Boss—
Chocolat (♀)


OH, IS THAT CHOCOLAT?
Hey, Boss!

GL OMD

?!

AHHH AHHH

FWOO FWOO

AHHH AHHH

FWOO FWOO

AHHH FWOO AHHH FWOO

A! AHHH

AHHH AHHH

FWOO FWOO

GLOMMMP

AN ENCORE ?!

I W-WANTED TO INTRODUCE YOU TWO...

...TO MY FAVORITE PLACE.

SHE'S COVERED IN CAT HAIR!!

And she's still cute!

ALL RIGHT ...

...

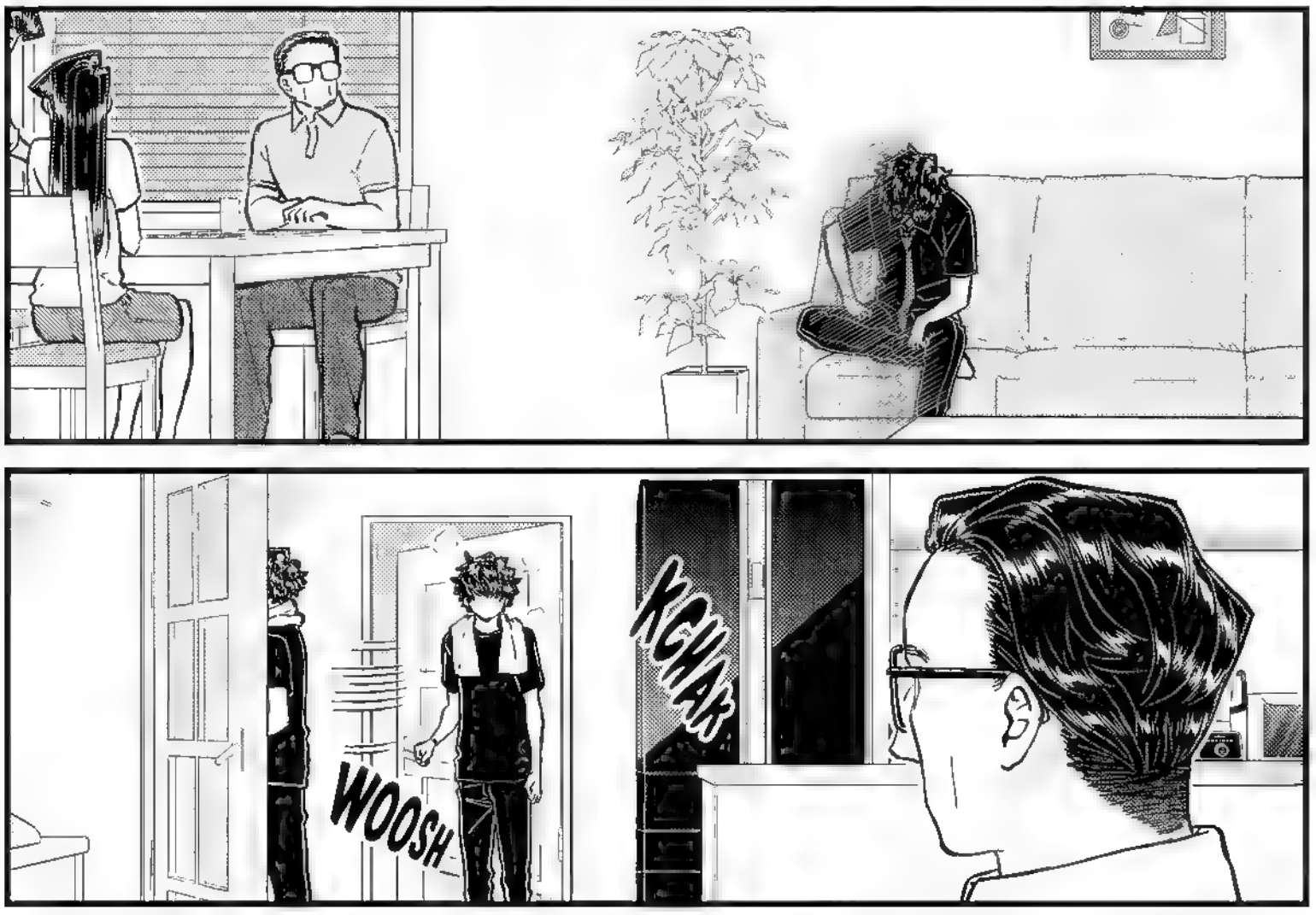
FW AH AHHH FWOOO

They all huffed cats.

CAT CAFES ARE THE BEST!

Communication 214 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate



~~Komi~~ Can't Communicate

Shôsuke

Communication 215: Father-Son Day

TAK

TAK
TAK

Hitomi discovered his address and spread it around.

...

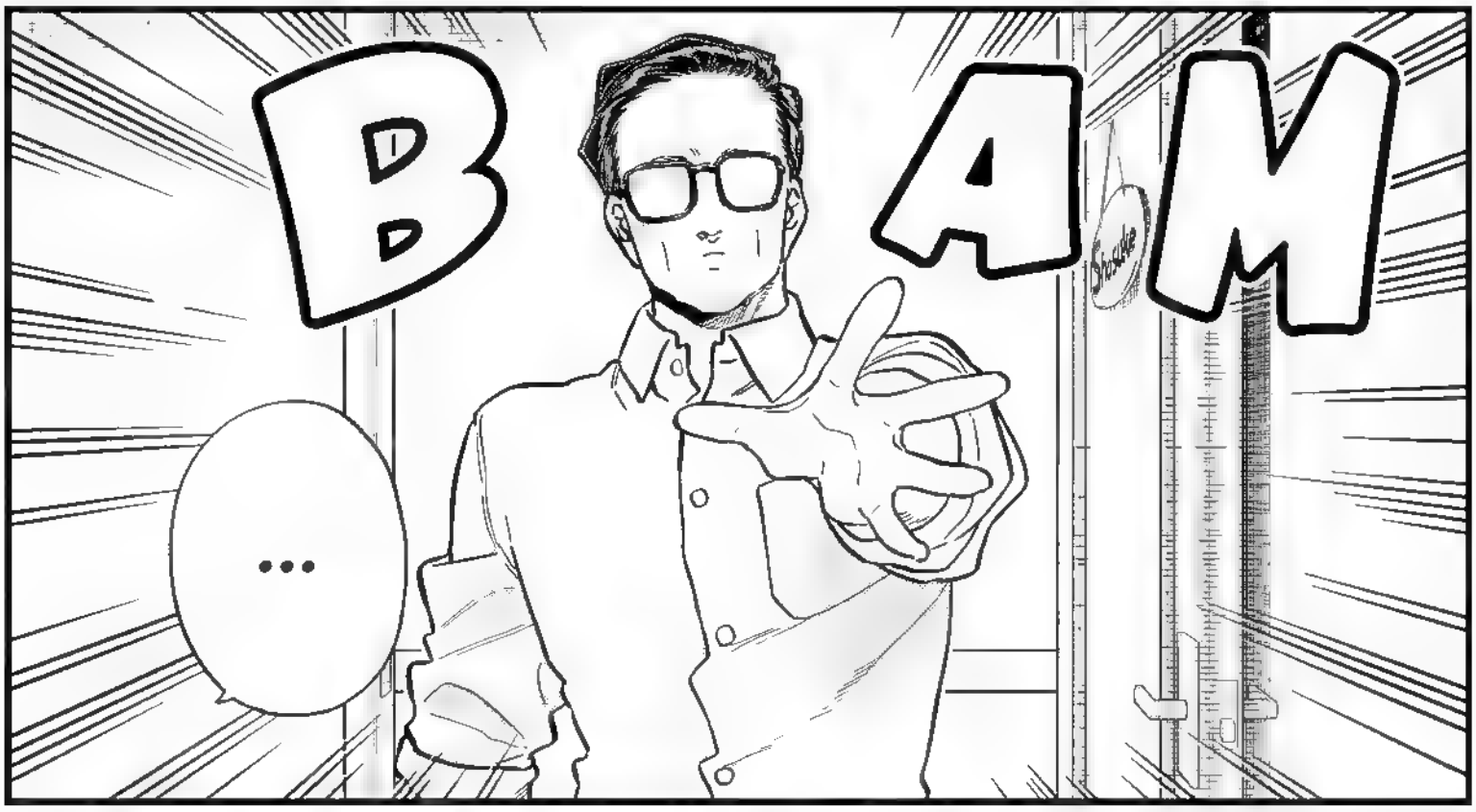
Has about 100 unread emails

For the fifth time since meeting her.

So he's changing his address.

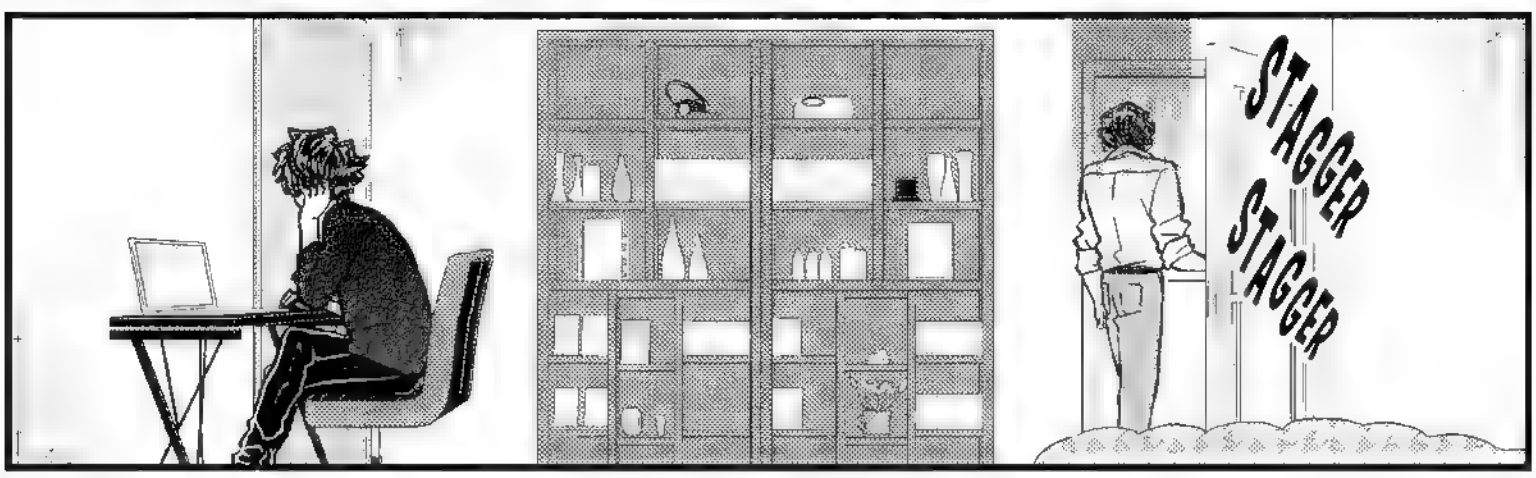
TAK
TAK
TAK

NOK
NOK


BAM
Shosuke
...

Asking Shosuke to go hang out
POIT
Shosuke
POIT POIT

DOOM
TAK TAK
...


STAGGER STAGGER

He's making a renewed effort.

?!

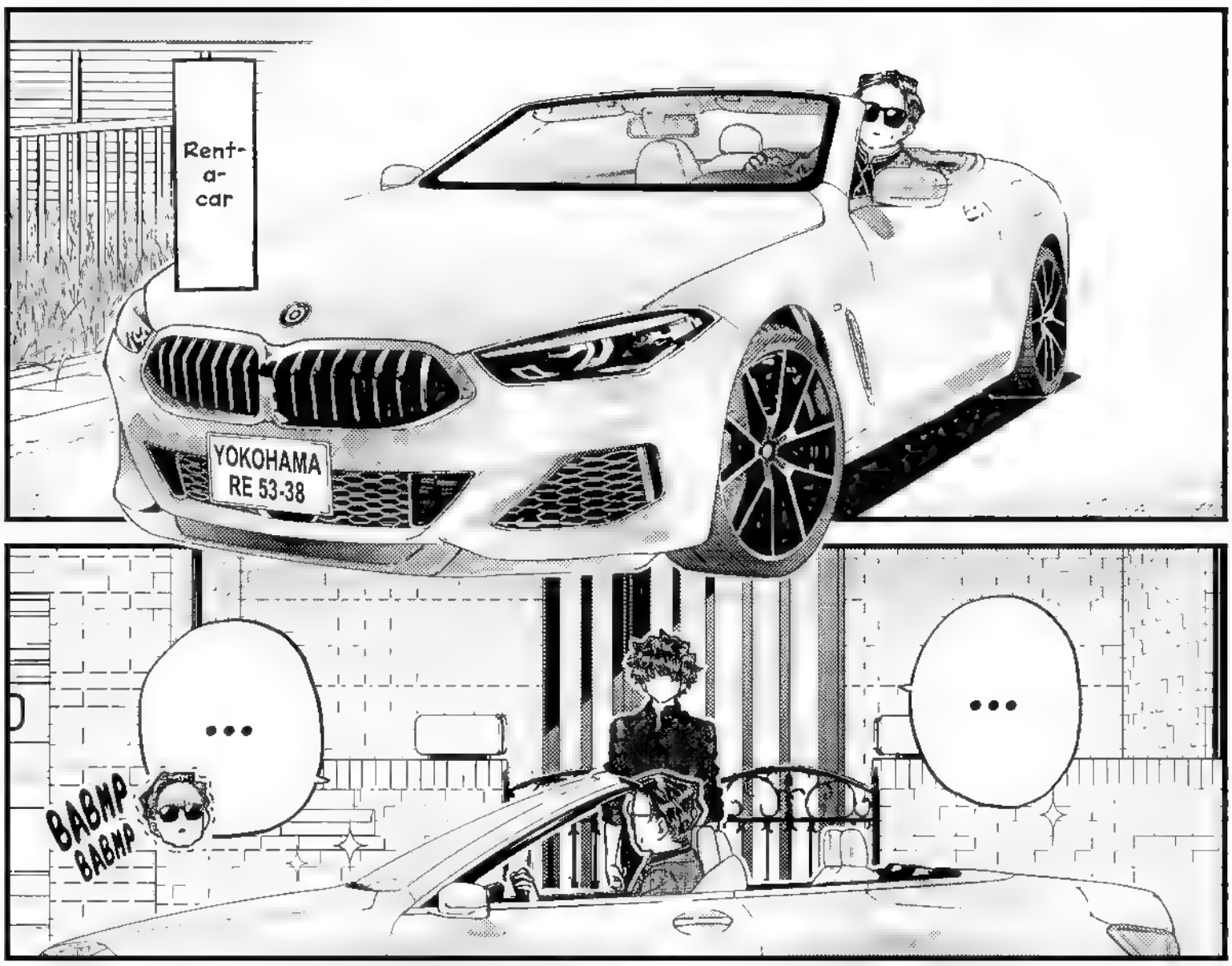
BAM

HOP ON

PAT PAT

DOOM

KLANK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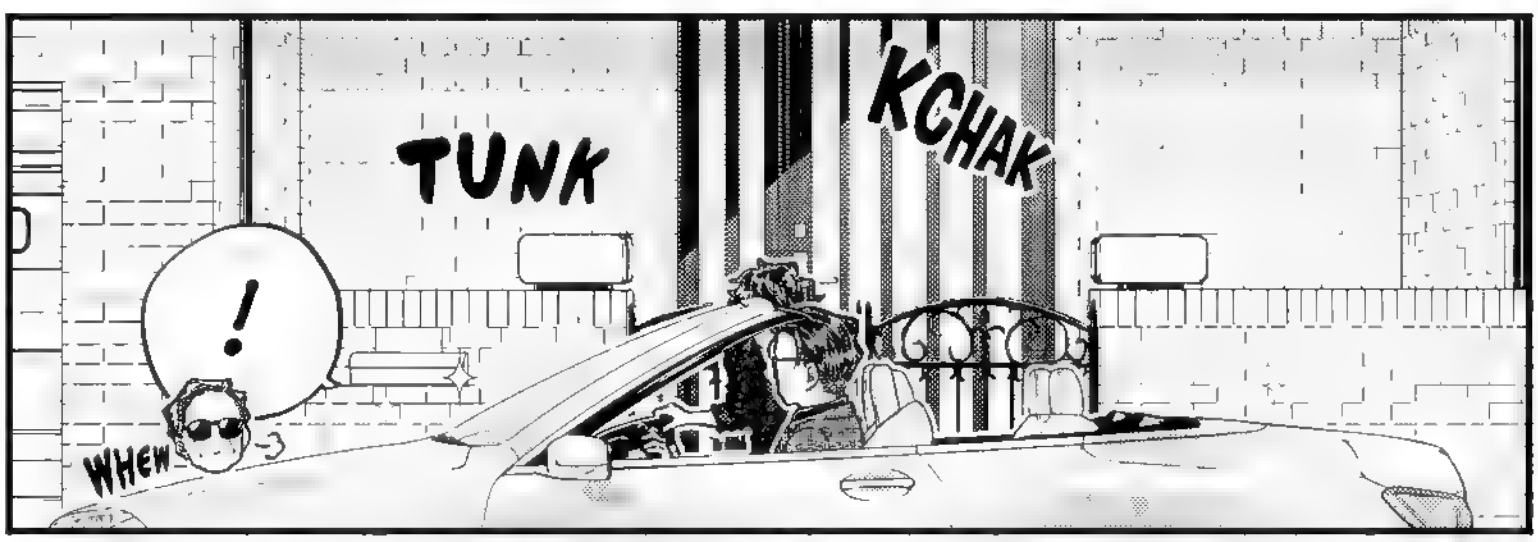
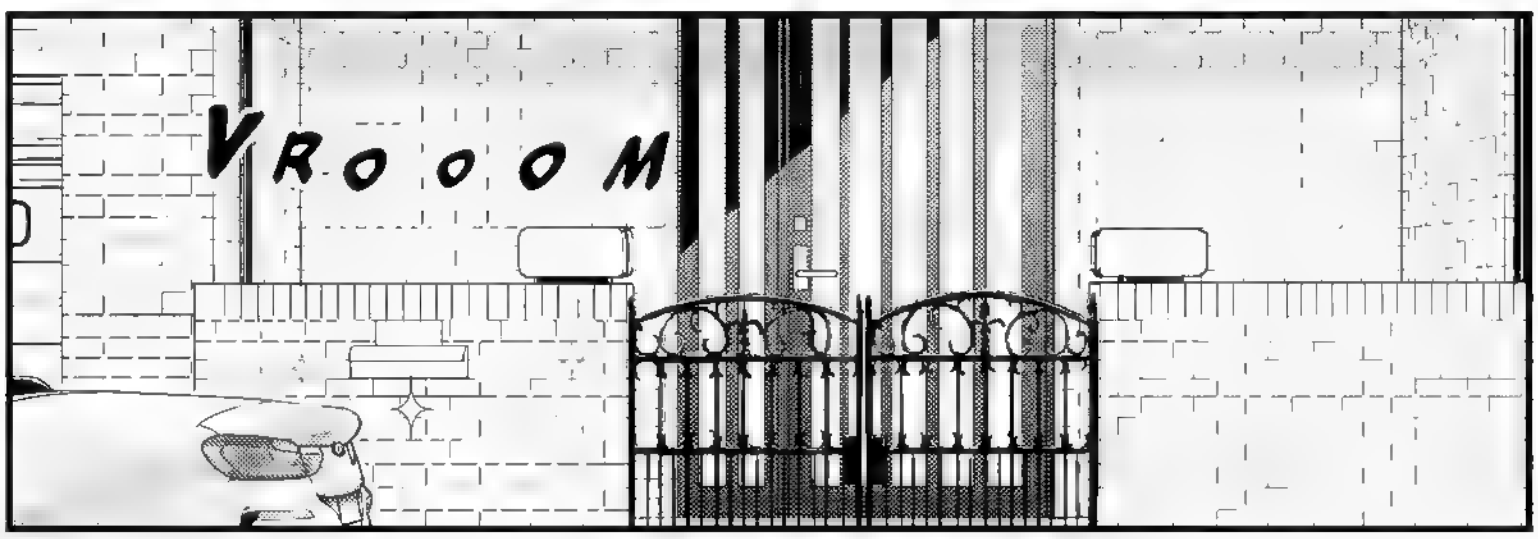
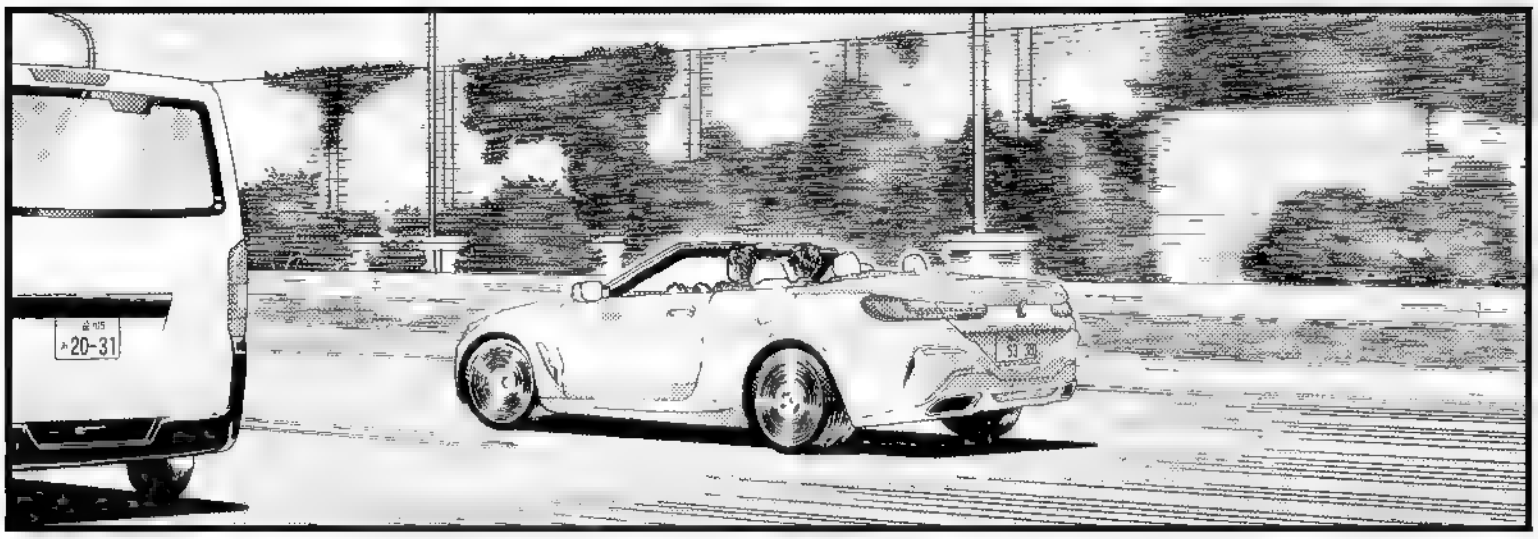
a-
car
YOKOHAMA
RE 53-38
...
...
BABMP
BABMP


TUNK
KCHAK
!
WHEW


VROOOM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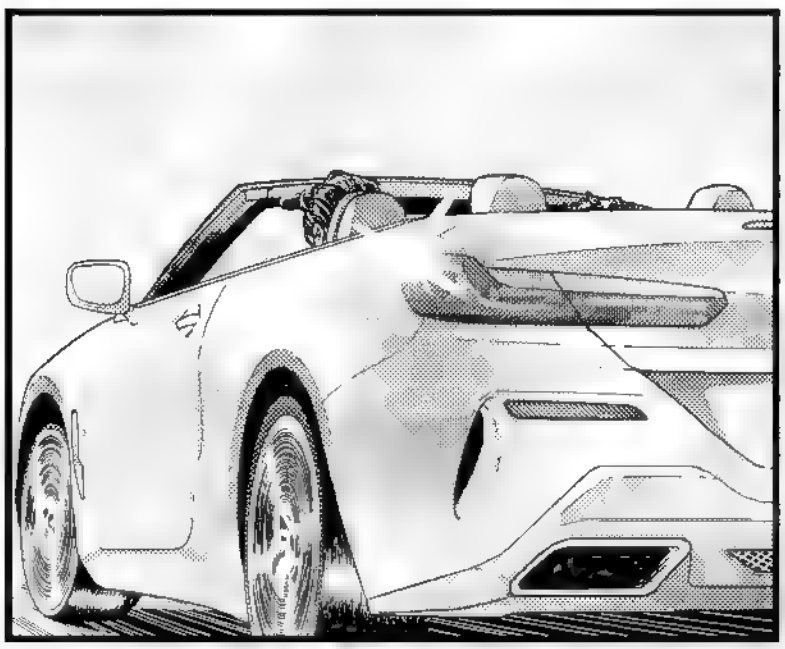
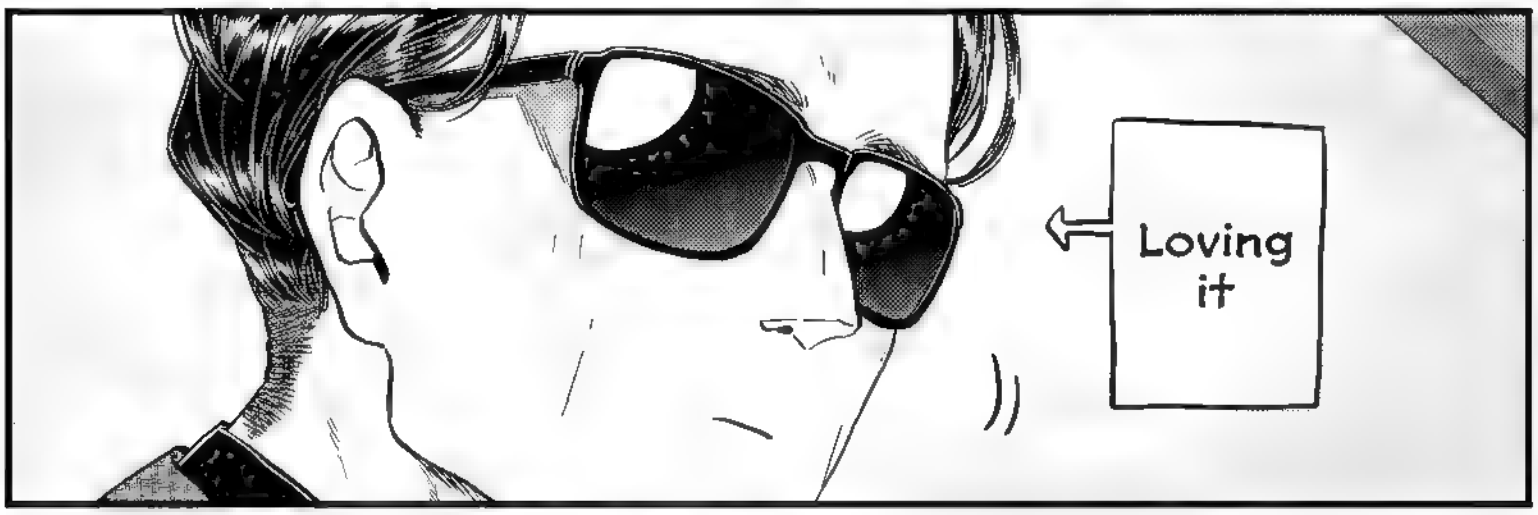
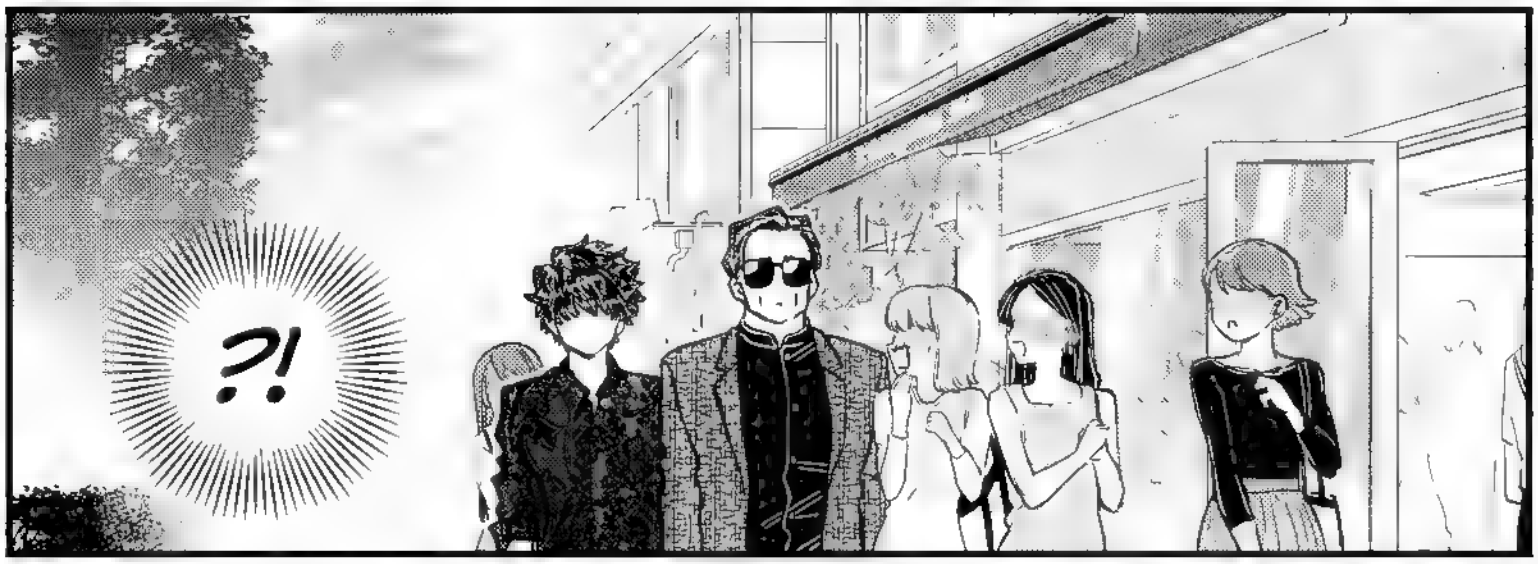



Loving it

...
DOOM
GLOOM

Boba tea shop
?!
VROOOOOM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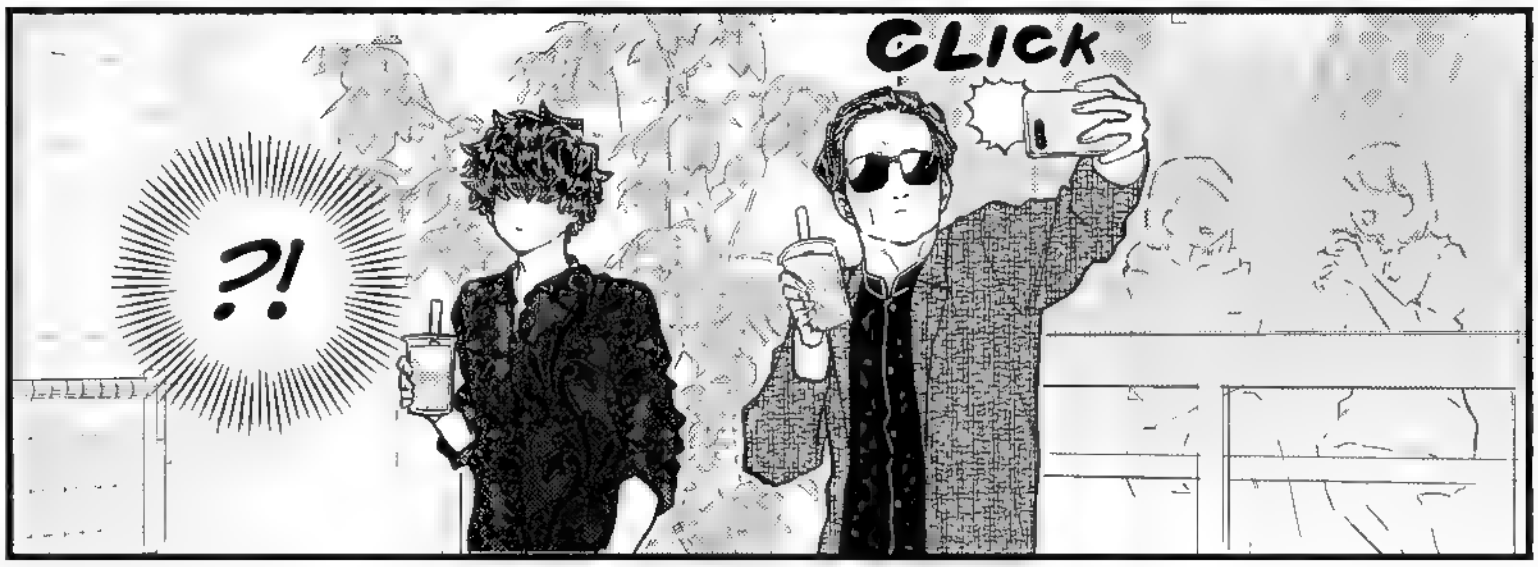

?!
CLICK

SLURRRRRRRRRRP

Rooftop entertainment facility with batting cages

HOME RUN

BIP

10 BALLS

RAISE TARGET

START

POIT

Would rather not

...

Wants to have a competition

POIT

POIT

GWUP

BOF
HOME RUN
Hit
Sho-suke
KRAK
HOME RUN
Hit
Dad
BOF
KRAK
Hit
HOME RUN
Sho-suke
KRAK
BOF
BOF
HOME RUN
Hit
Dad
KRAK
Home-run
KRAK
HOME RUN
Sho-suke
BAM
Hit
HOMERUN
Dad
SWOOSH
KDUNK
DOOM
Dad loses.

Dad loses.
Dad loses.
KTNK
KTNK
KTAK
KTNK

Dad loses.
Dad loses.

GLOOM
Feeling his age
STAND
BAKES
COFFEE
GLOOOM
Potty break
GLOOOOOM
!
ENJOYING A DAY WITH YOUR SON?

I'M SURPRISED HE'LL DO IT AT THAT AGE.

UH, YES.

UH-HUH.

...SO WE DON'T HAVE GOOD CONVER-SATIONS...

NEITHER ONE OF US TALKS MUCH...

... ENJOYING SCHOOL, SO...

...BUT HE SEEMS TO BE...

...I GUESS I DIDN'T WANT ...

...TO FEEL LEFT OUT.

...

BY THE WAY, I'M FREE LATER! ♥

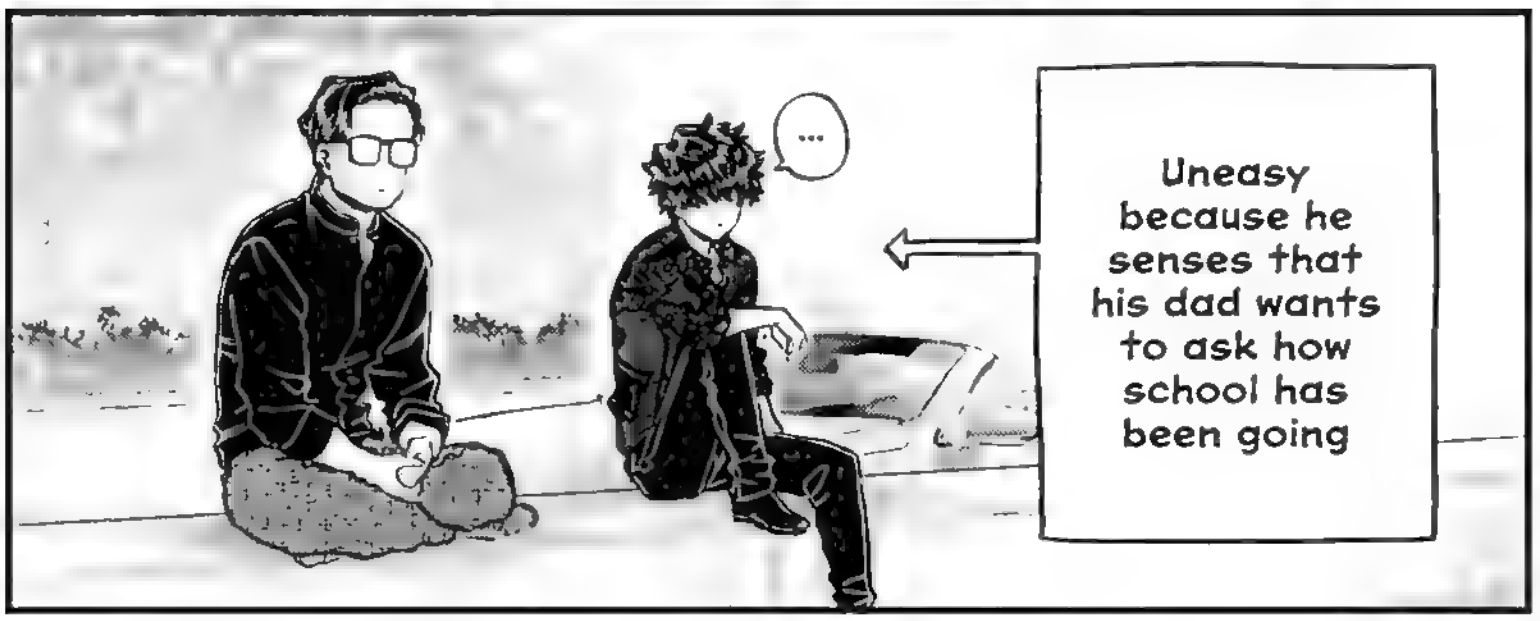
H-HOW SWEET OF YOU!

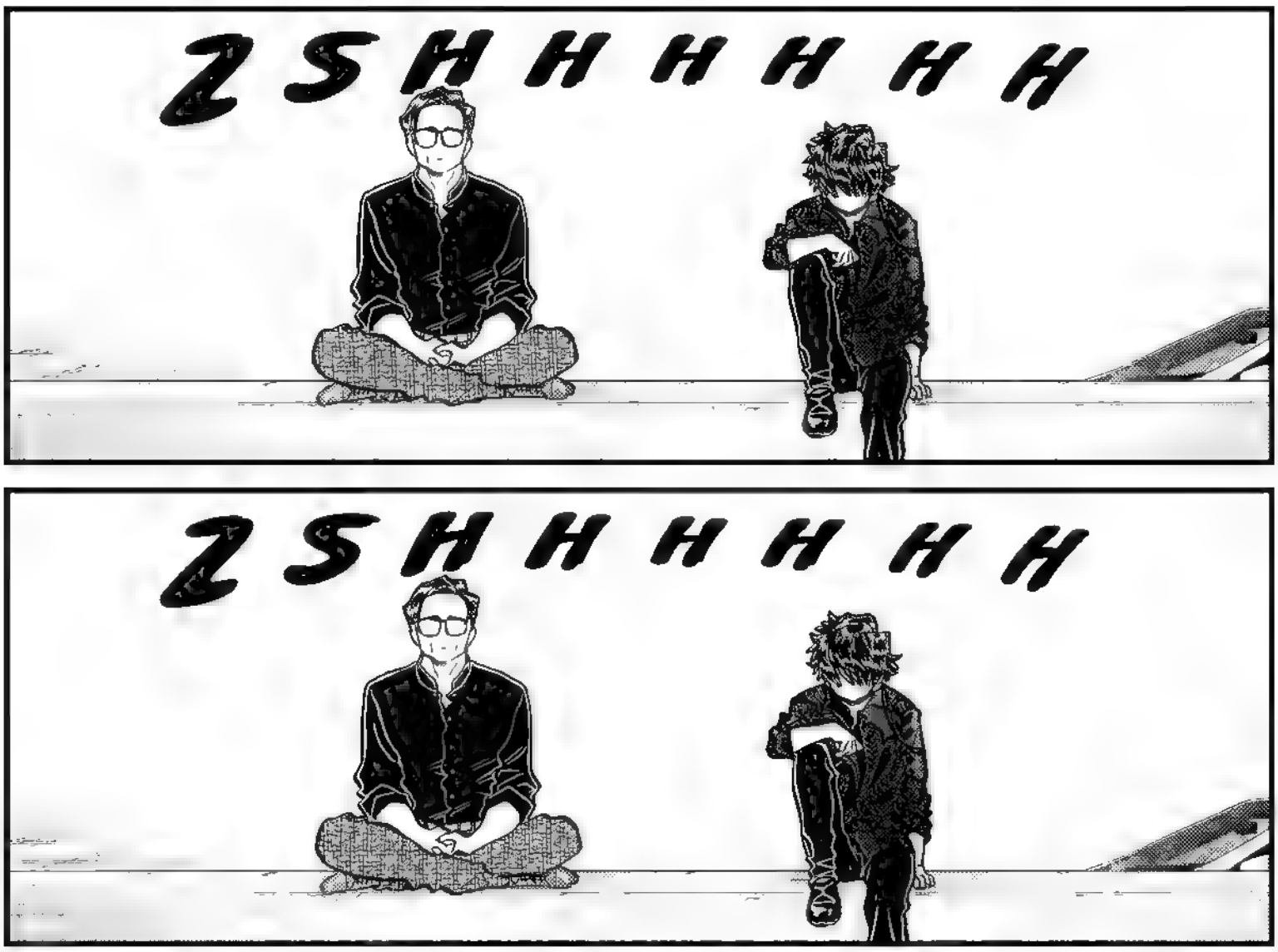
?!

SHAKE SHAKE

?!

TITTER TITTER


...
Uneasy because he senses that his dad wants to ask how school has been going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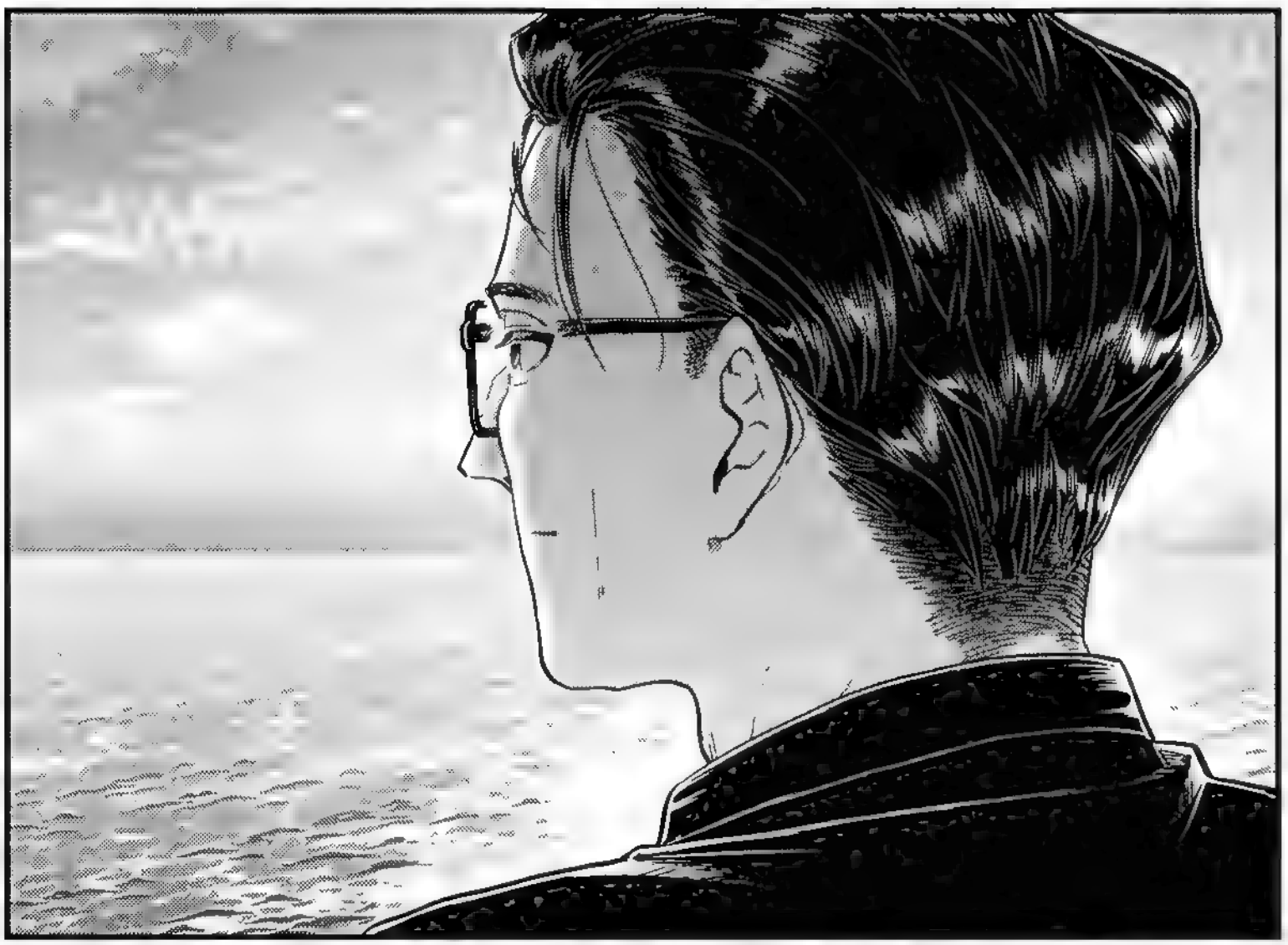
ZSHHHHHH

ZSHHHHHH
ZSHHHHH



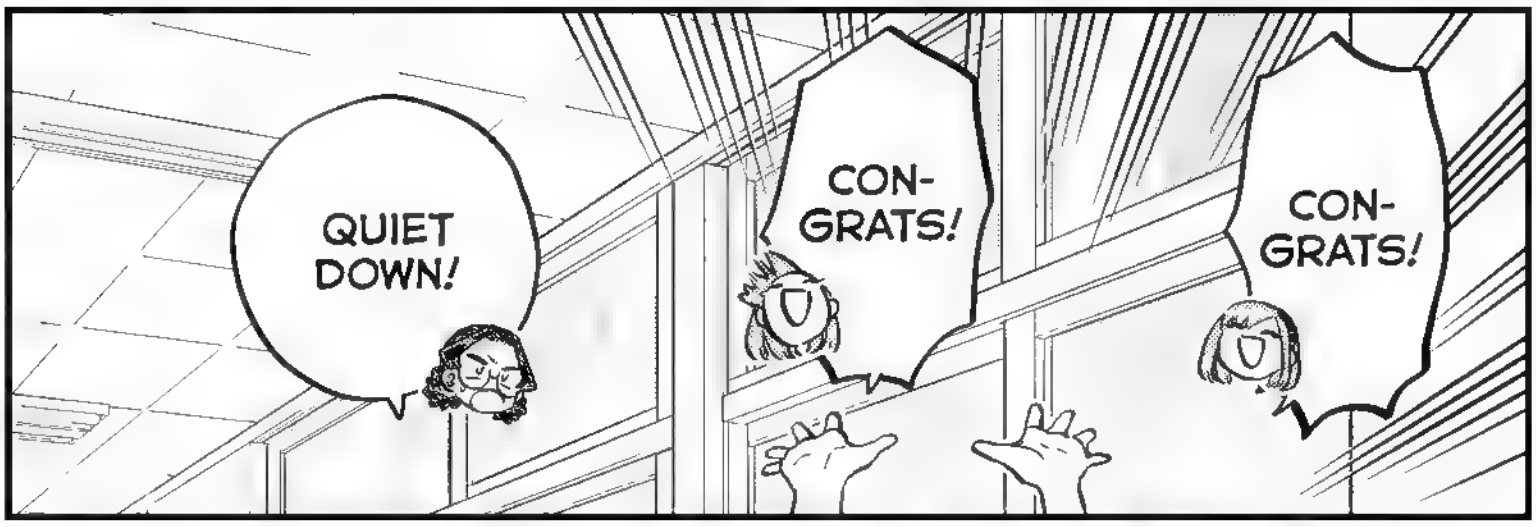
ZSHHHHHHH

KAKAYOSHI BATH
MOOO

Komi Can't Communicate

I'M A NORMAL SECOND-YEAR STUDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL.
MY NAME IS YURAGI EMOYAMA.
I LIKE MOVIES, NOVELS, AND MANGA, SO I'M A BIT OF A NERD.
!
WHAT GAME IS THAT?!
CHATTER
UM, THIS IS PGO.
THERE ARE COOL BOYS TOO.
OOH! SHOW ME!!
CHATTER
IT HAS A LOT OF CUTE GIRL CHARAC-TERS!
WHAT'S IT CALLED ?
GIRLS WHO LIKE NERDY BOYS...
...ARE SO EMOI*.
*Emoi: Short for "emotional." Used to describe something emotionally stirring.
Emoyama likes things that are emoi.

MIKUNI !!
Ayami Sasaki
HWOOSH
Mikuni Kato
I SAW IT ONLINE!
YOU PLAYED AT THE PRO LEVEL?!
YES? WHERE'S THE FIRE?


QUIET DOWN!
CON-GRATS!
CON-GRATS!

CONGRATS
CONGRATS
I'LL MAKE FIRST KYU NOW, BUT I HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.
ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.

AH HA HA!

I'M CRYING TEARS OF JOY!

UM, OKAY.

LET'S GO TELL KOMI!

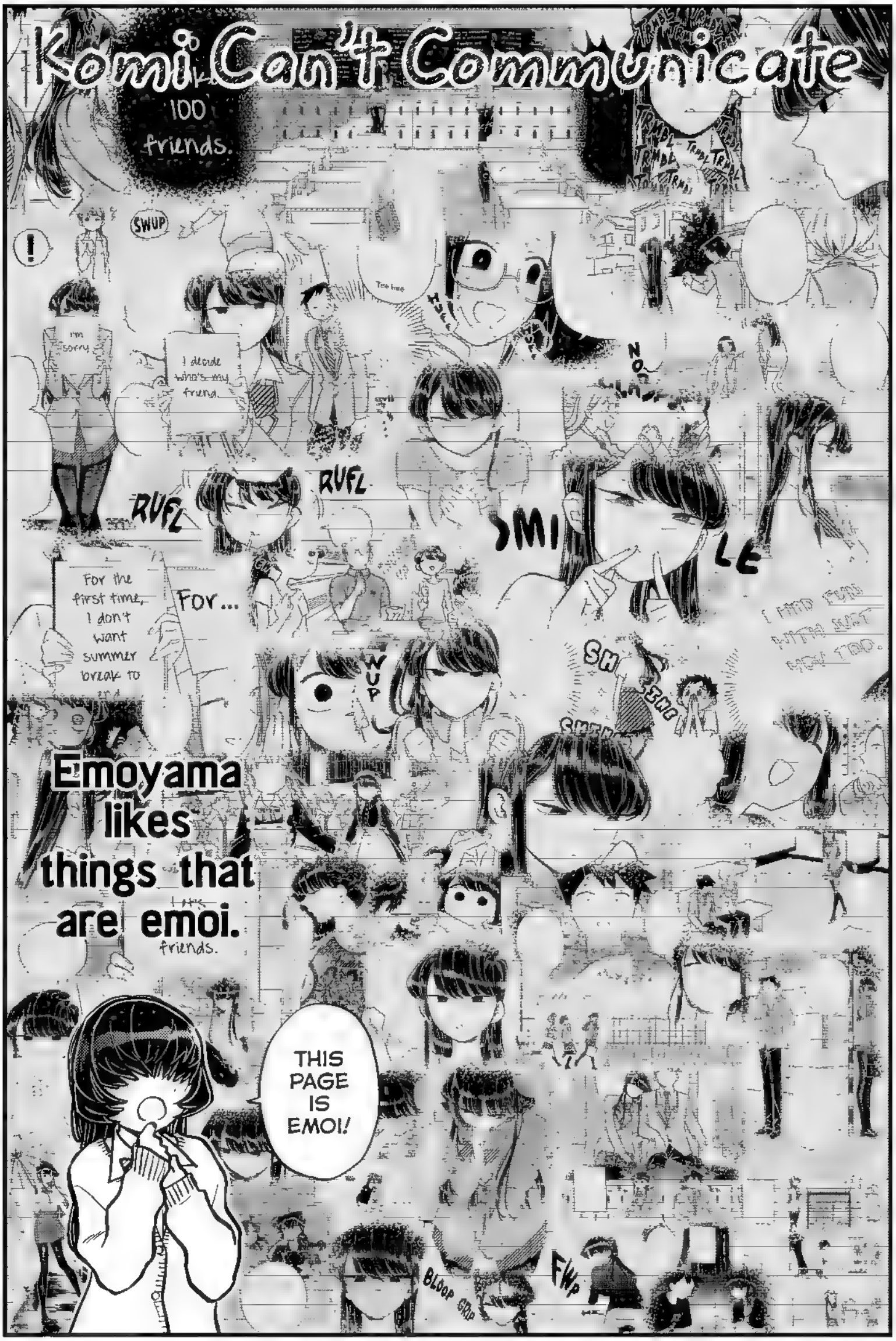
!

Emoyama basically knows their entire history.

THAT'S SO EMOI!

Emoyama likes things that are emoi.

THEY USED TO FIGHT, BUT NOW THEY'RE FRIENDS!



Communication 216: Emotional

I HAVE CHOSEN THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS.

I DEEMED ANYONE WHO APPEARED UNMOTIVATED TO BE INELIGIBLE.

FOUR—EXTREME ANTISOCIALITY.

THREE—ZERO CHANCE OF GETTING BAD GRADES.

TWO—DIFFERENT CLASSES, CLUBS, BLOOD TYPES, AND BIRTHDAYS.

ONE—ABSOLUTELY NO PERSONAL CONNECTION TO ME.

MY CRITERIA WERE AS FOLLOWS ...

Kiyoko Isagi

AND COOL!

VERY THOROUGH.

SHE'S SUPER SCRUPULOUS.

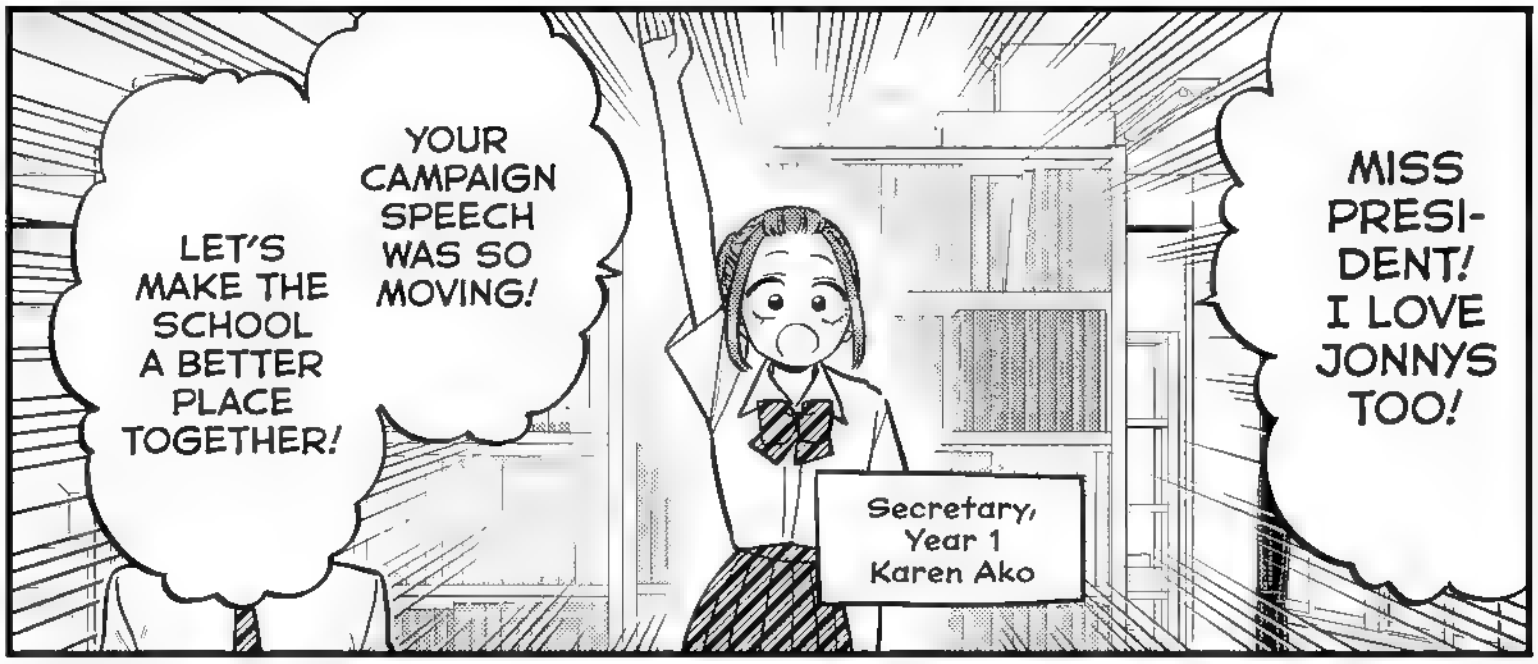
WHAT A PERFECTIONIST.

...

...

FLINCH

ANY QUESTIONS?


LET'S MAKE THE SCHOOL A BETTER PLACE TOGETHER!
YOUR CAMPAIGN SPEECH WAS SO MOVING!
Secretary, Year 1 Karen Ako
MISS PRESI-DENT! I LOVE JONNYS TOO!

SHE'S STRICT!
R-RIGHT. MY BAD.
I ASKED FOR QUES-TIONS.
TOO BAD THE PREVIOUS STUDENT COUNCIL WAS SO MESSY!
CLEAN ...
SHE'S GONNA MAKE US CLEAN...
IN THAT CASE, LET'S ...
NO QUES-TIONS?

?!

LET'S PLAY ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS, HAMMER, HELMET!!

SHE CARRIES HER OWN HAMMER ?!

SWUP

She's in a different class, but she knows all about it.

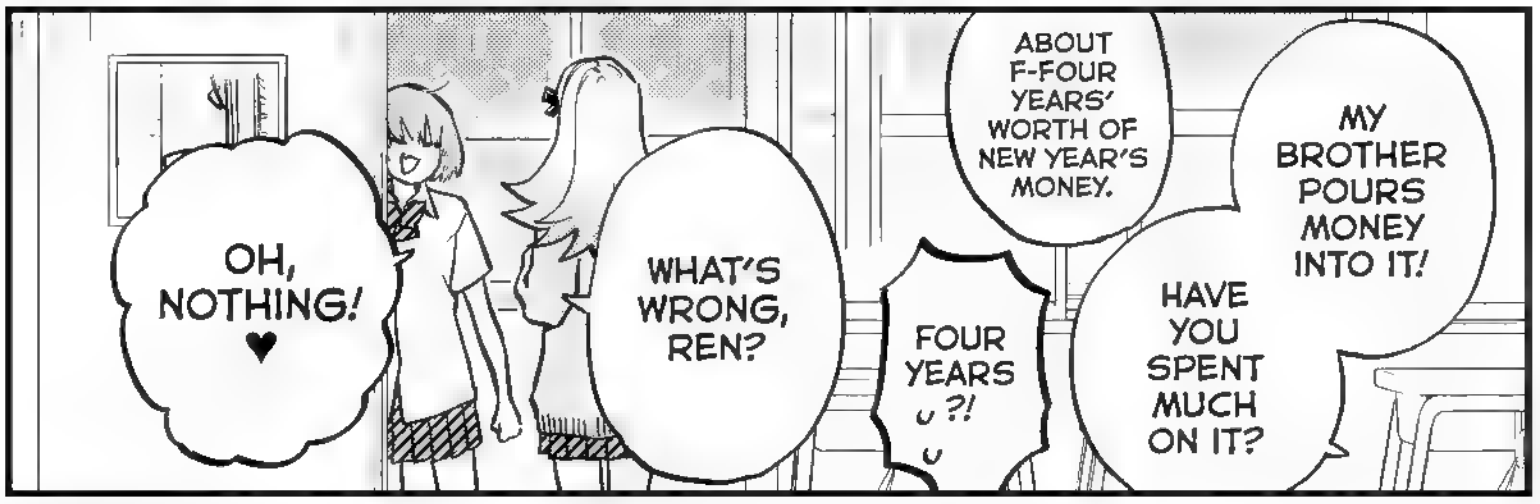
THAT'S INSANELY EMOI!

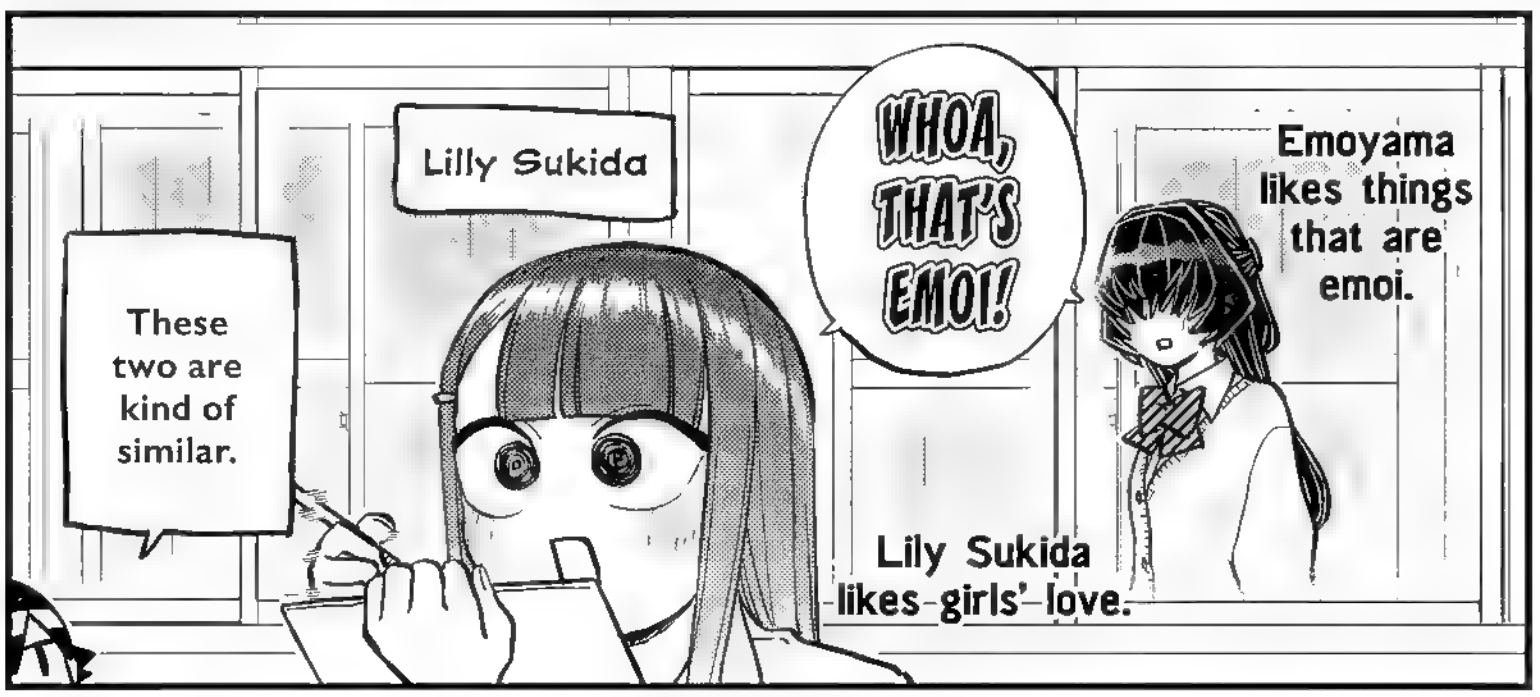
Emoyama likes things that are emoi.

SHE PLAYED THAT WITH EVERYONE IN HER CLASS DURING HER CAMPAIGN!! THAT'S HOW SHE BECAME FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE, SO NOW SHE WANTS TO DO IT HERE TOO!!

TIKTAKTIKTAKTIKTAK
TIKTAKTAI
Omoharu Nakanaka
GAH! I'M ALMOST OUT OF TIME!
PGO IS FEROCIOUS THIS YEAR! THE GAME BALANCE IS SUBLIME!!
UH...
HUH?
SWIP
UM...
NAKANAKA, LET'S HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER!
Ren Yamai
UM, OKAY, YEAH!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
URGH... LEAVE ME ALONE!!
WHAT GAME IS THAT? IT'S AN APP, RIGHT? YOU SPEND TIME AND MONEY TO BUY IMAGINARY CHARACTERS, RIGHT? TELL ME! HOW MUCH TIME AND MONEY HAVE YOU WASTED ON IT?!

!!
IS IT A GAME?
ARE YOU BUSY WITH SOMETHING, NAKANAKA?
LET'S EAT OVER HERE TODAY!
MAYBE I'LL START TOO!
SHOW ME HOW TO PLAY!
WHAT'S IT LIKE?
!
MY LITTLE BROTHER PLAYS THAT!


OH, NOTHING! ♥
WHAT'S WRONG, REN?
FOUR YEARS ∪ ?! ∪
ABOUT F-FOUR YEARS' WORTH OF NEW YEAR'S MONEY.
HAVE YOU SPENT MUCH ON IT?
MY BROTHER POURS MONEY INTO IT!


These two are kind of similar.
Lilly Sukida
WHOA, THAT'S EMOI!
Emoyama likes things that are emoi.
Lily Sukida likes girls' love.

PWA H

Kaede Otori

HEY, HEY!

PWAH

I WAS SAYING "HEY" LIKE "HELLO," NOT "HAY" AS IN HORSES!

PWAH

Nene Onemine

YES?

TEE HEE HEE...

YEAH. I KNEW THAT.

OH, GOOD!

Emoyama likes things that are emoi.

NOW *THAT* WAS EMOI.

THANKS, SUTENO! AM I HEAVY?
SH-SHUT UP! IT'S BECAUSE OF MY SKIRT!
YOU TOTALLY FELL ON YOUR BUTT.

NO.

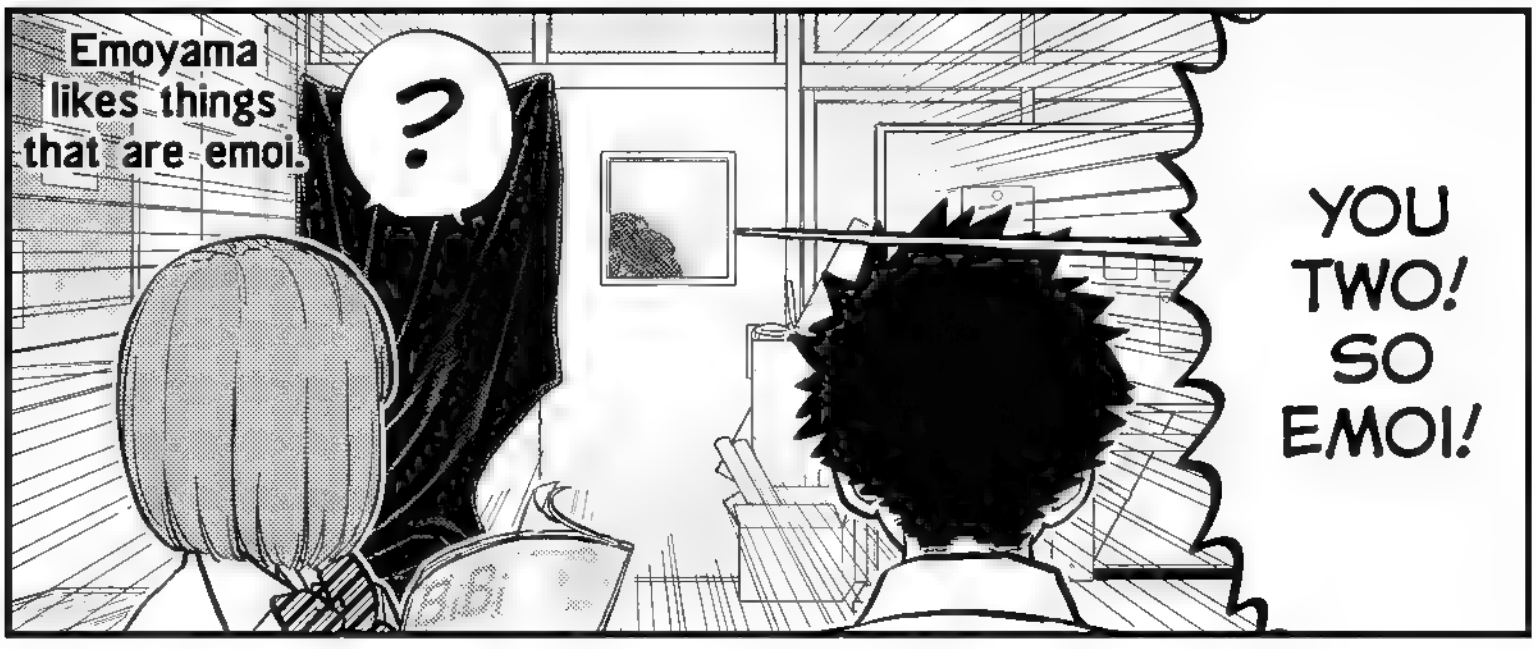
SHUT UP!
YOU'RE SURPRIS-INGLY GIRLY, YA KNOW?

...
...!

SWSH
EMOI.
Emoyama likes things that are emoi.

Eiko Ushiroda
WOULD YOU FALL FOR ME IF I WAS OLD?
YUP.
SERI-OUSLY?! GROSS!
Hoshio Jukujosky Maeda

OKAY, LOOK ME UP IN 30 YEARS.
AIGHT.


YOU TWO! SO EMOI!
?
Emoyama likes things that are emoi.

!

Shibuki Ase

UH...HI, KIYOKO.

SURE.

Y-YEAH. WANNA WALK HOME TOGETH-ER?

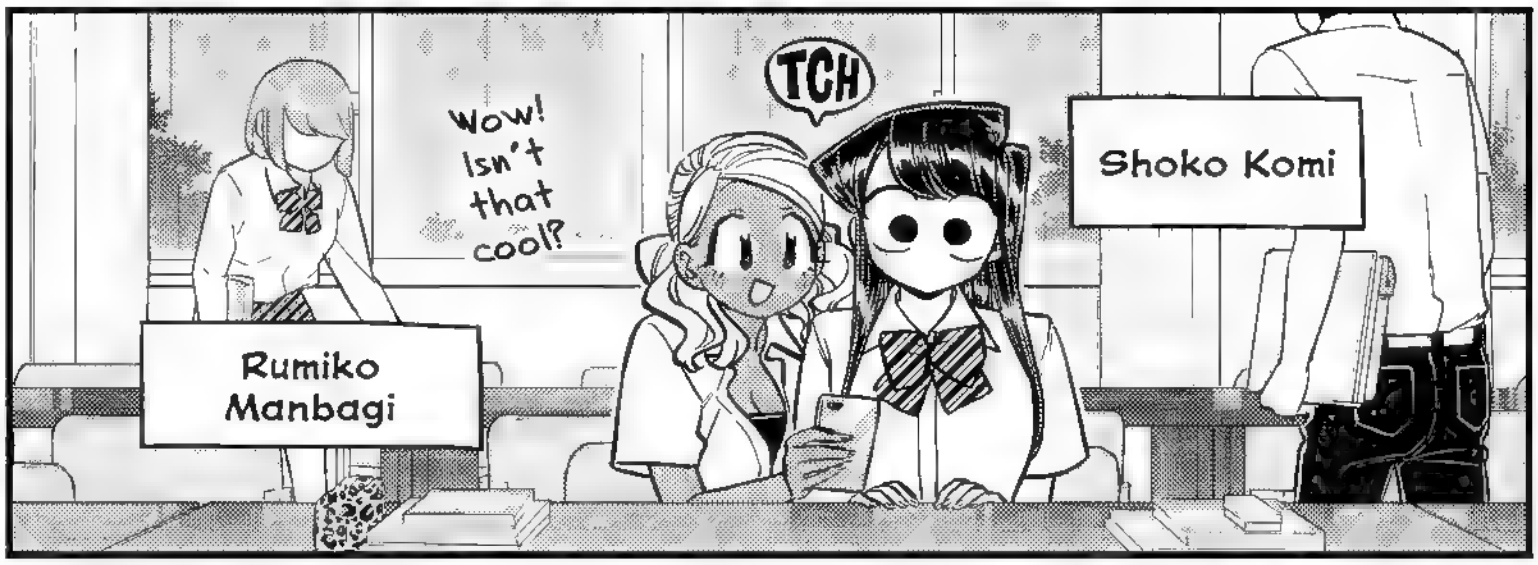
WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME?

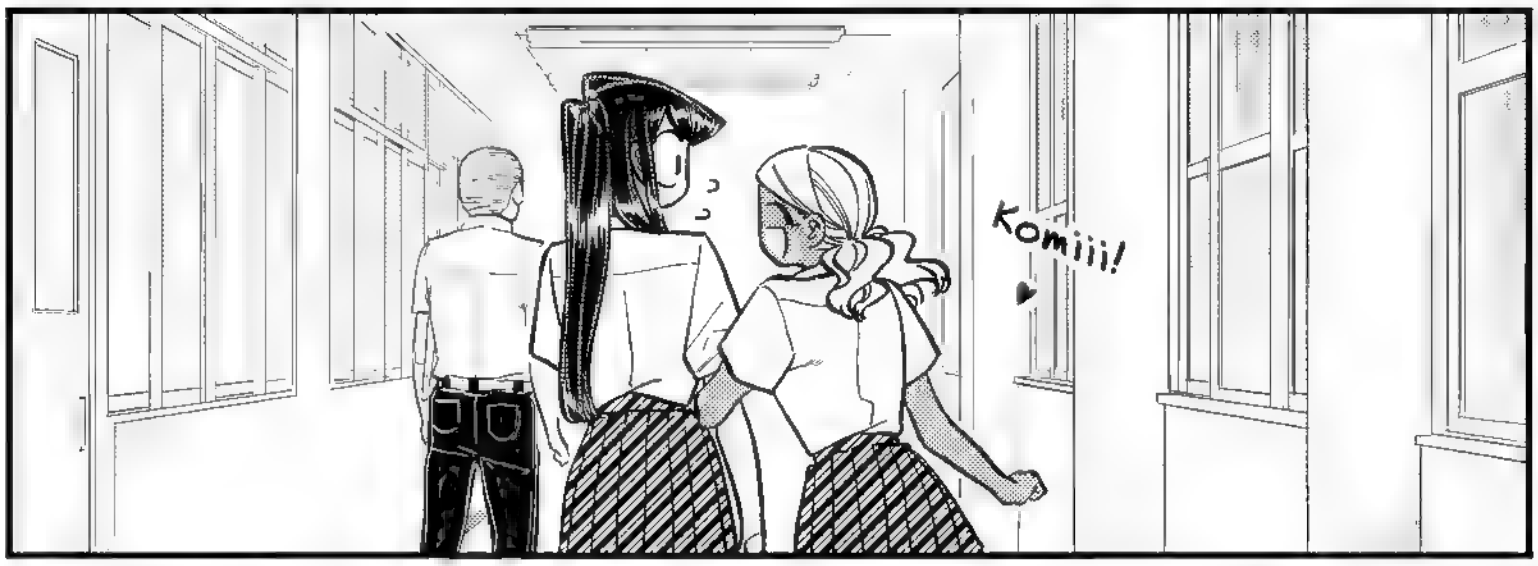
YAY!

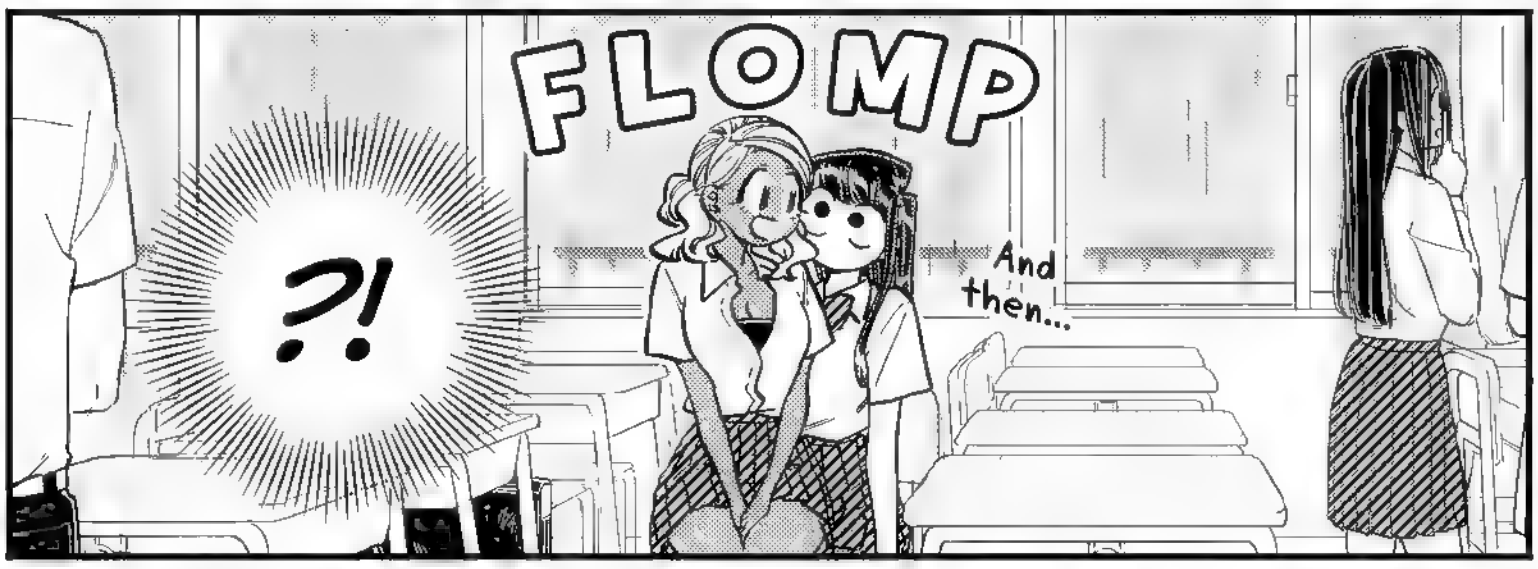
LET'S GO, SHIBUKI.

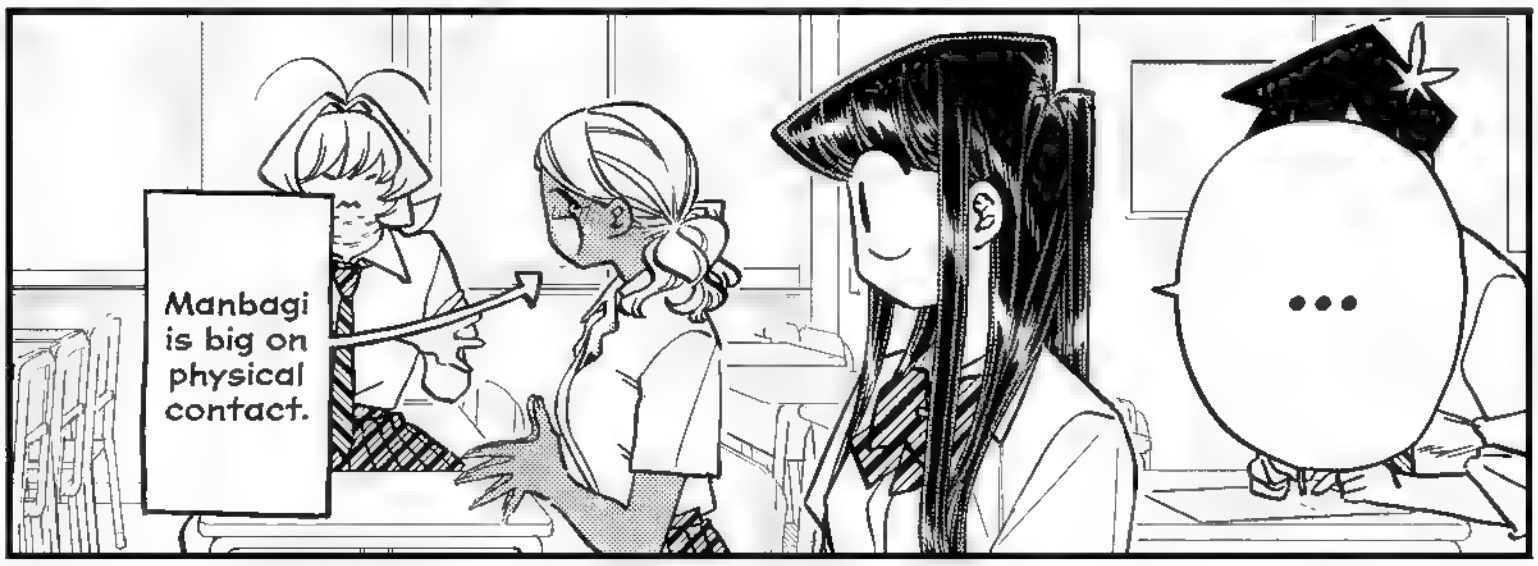
Emoyama likes things that are emoi.

EMOI!


Wow! Isn't that cool?
TCH
Shoko Komi
Rumiko Manbagi


Komiii!


?!
FLOMP
And then...


Manbagi is big on physical contact.
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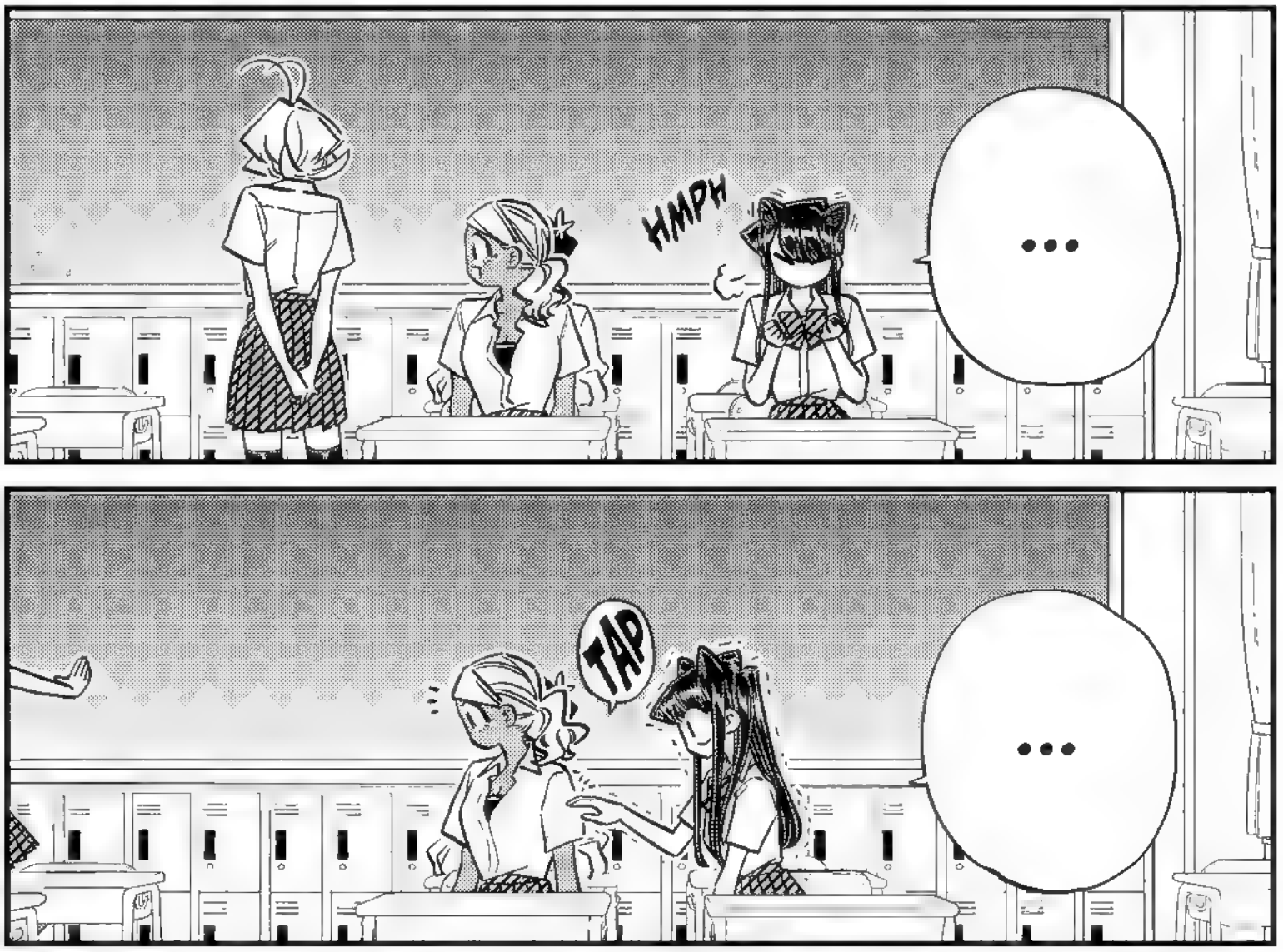
HMPH
...
TAP
...

HM? WHAT'S UP?
!
HMMMPH
!
E=mc²
C'mon, tell me!

BA BUMP

Emoi overload!

Emoyama likes things that are emoi.

STAGGER

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

IF I EXPERIENCE ANY MORE EMOI...

TOO MUCH... EMOI TODAY...

EMOI PROVIDES ME WITH A PLEASURABLE SENSATION. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, MY HEART STOPS, MY BODY OVERHEATS, AND I LAUGH CREEPILY, SO IT IS A FORBIDDEN FRUIT.

?!

Left the class-room

SH-SHE LOOKS ANGRY!!

ULP! DID SHE SEE ME WATCHING ?!

WORRY

!

!

WORRY

?!

TMP

TMP

TMP

Hitohito Tadano

Thinks Emoyama is sick

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

YOU TWO WIN THE EMOI AWARD ...
EMOI
They won the Emoi Award.
?!
Emoyama likes things that are emoi.

Komi Can't Communicate

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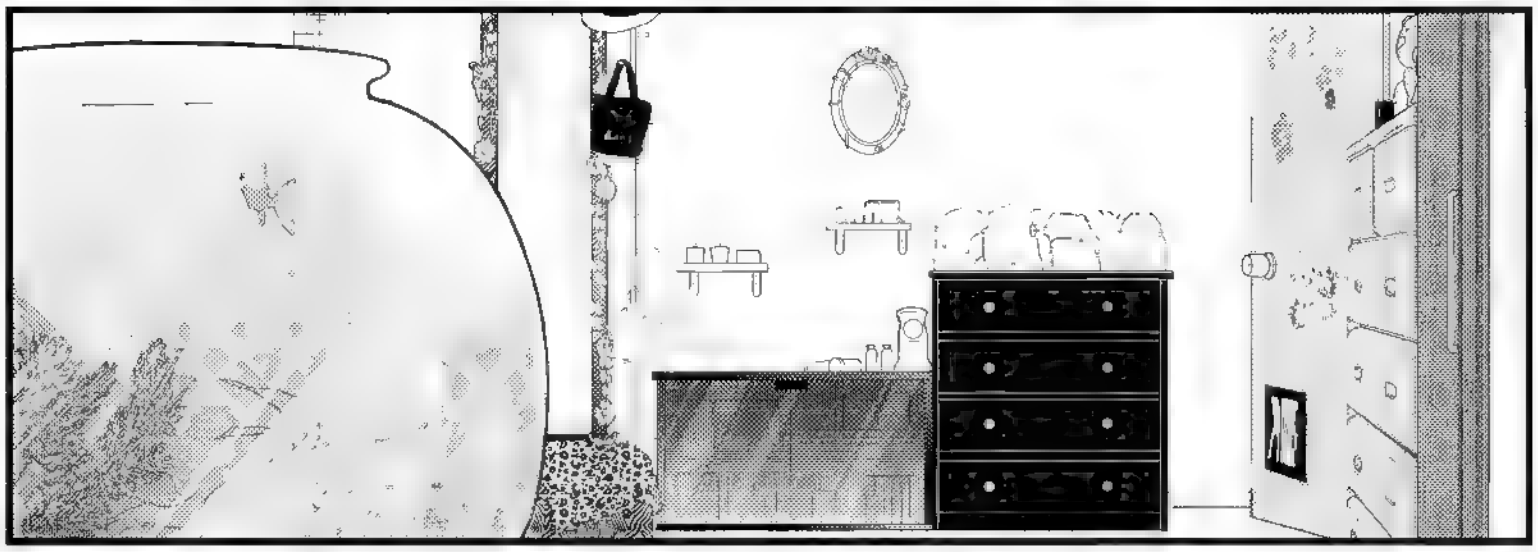
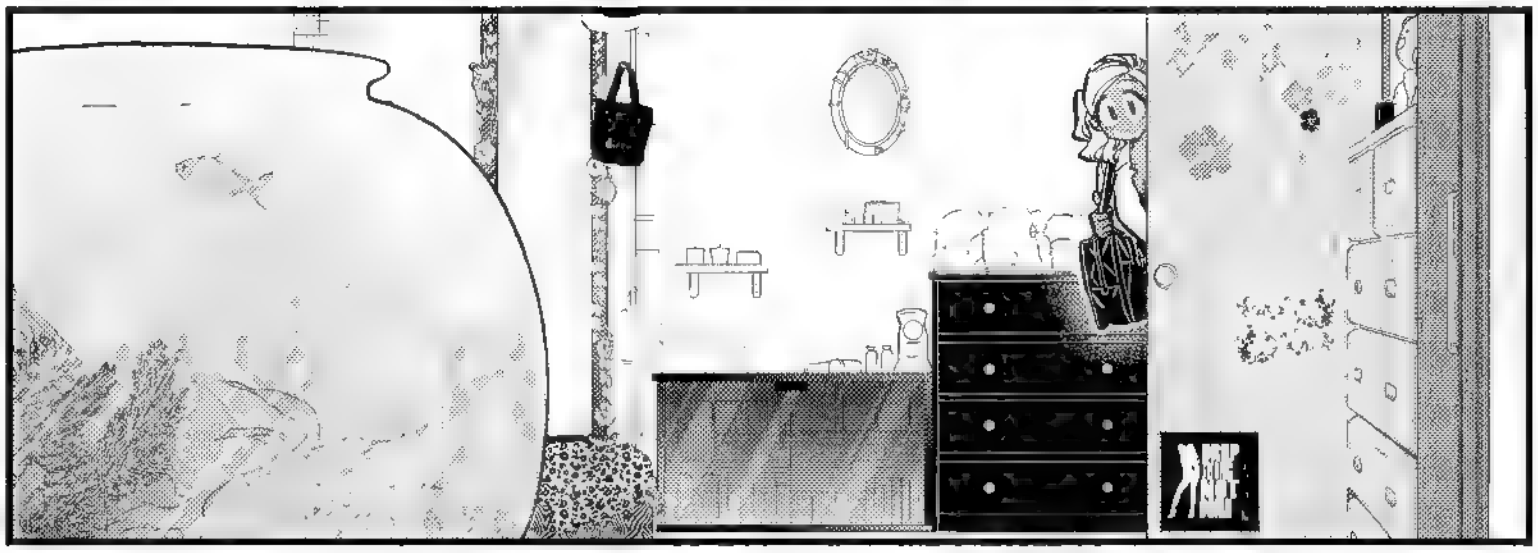
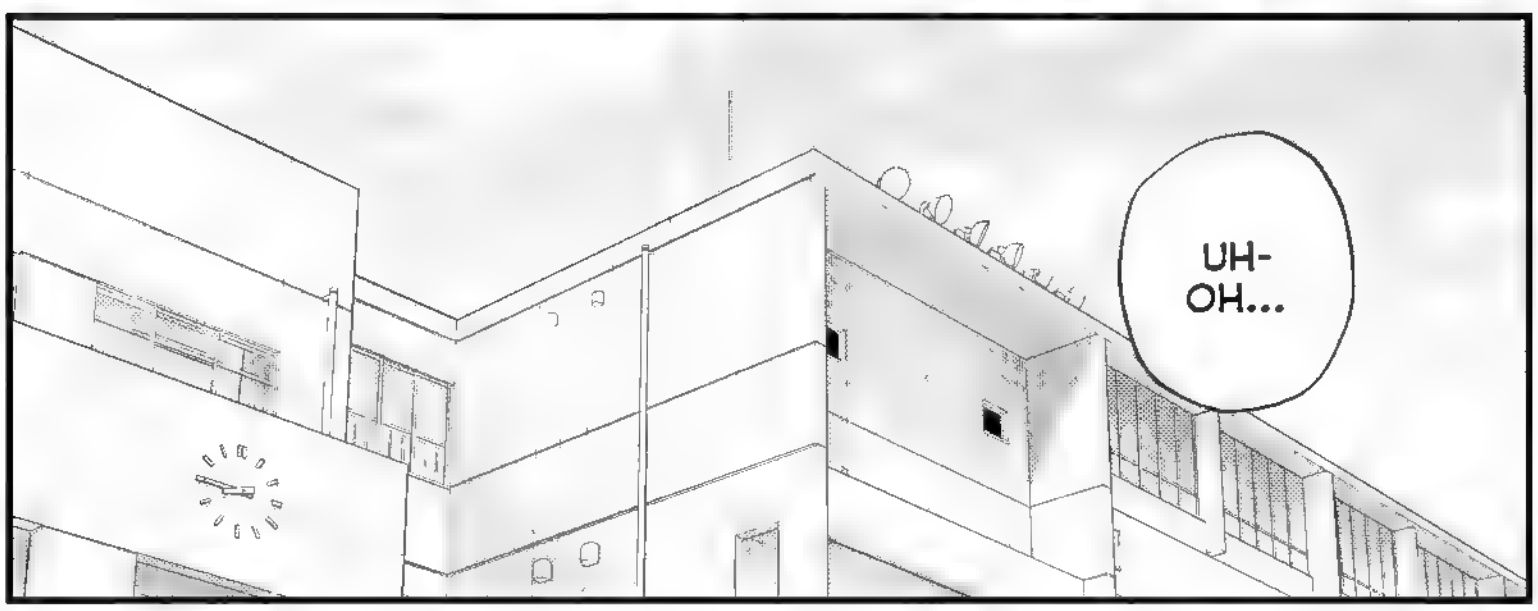
I'M LEAVING!



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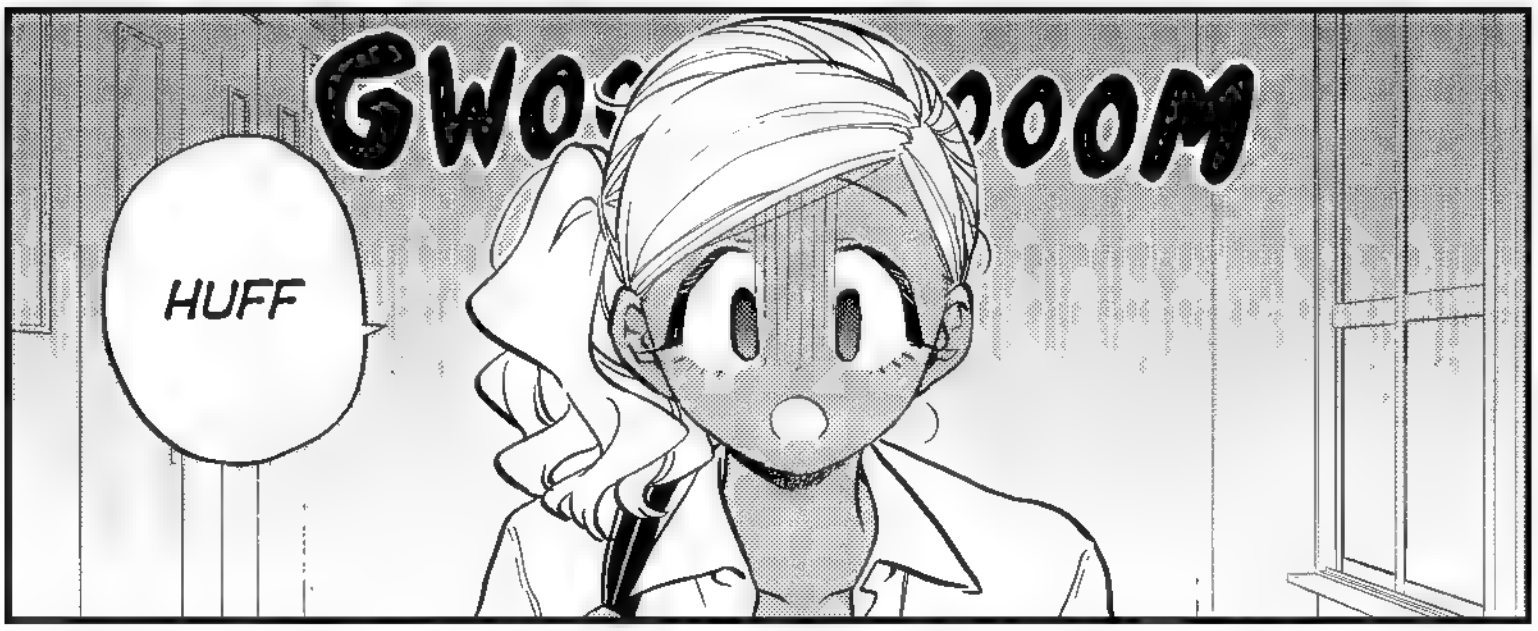
OH...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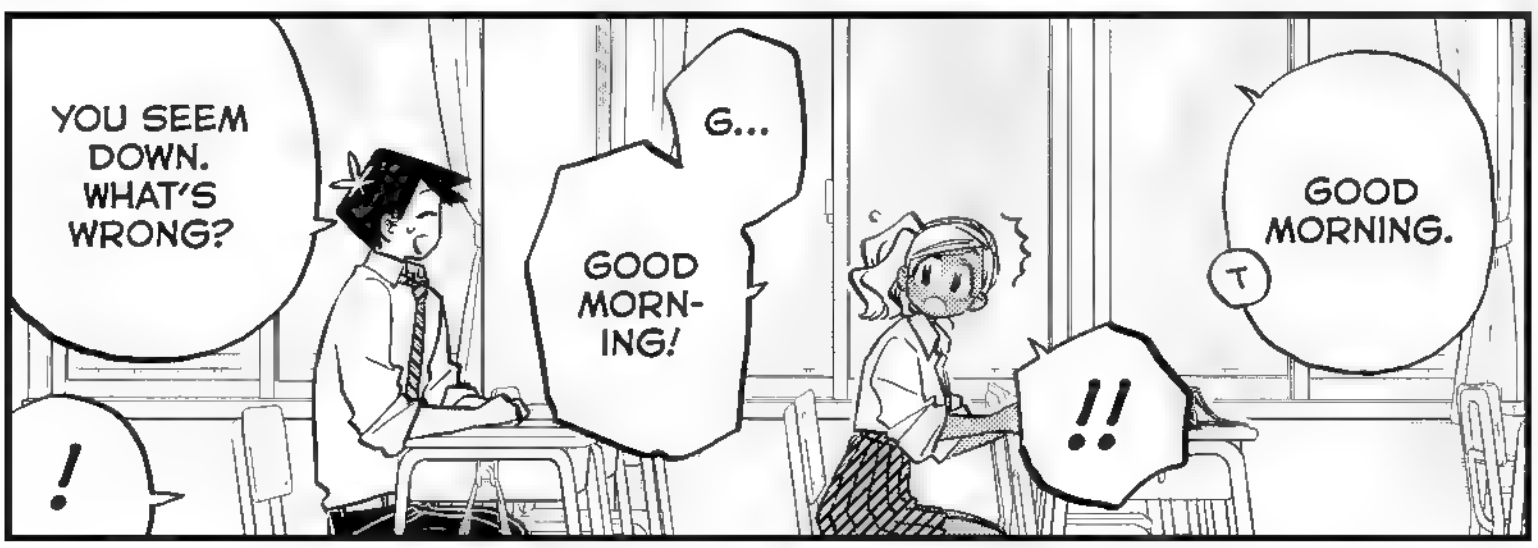
OOM
HUFF

HUFF
HUFF


YOU SEEM DOWN. WHAT'S WRONG?
!
G...
GOOD MORN-ING!
!!
GOOD MORNING.

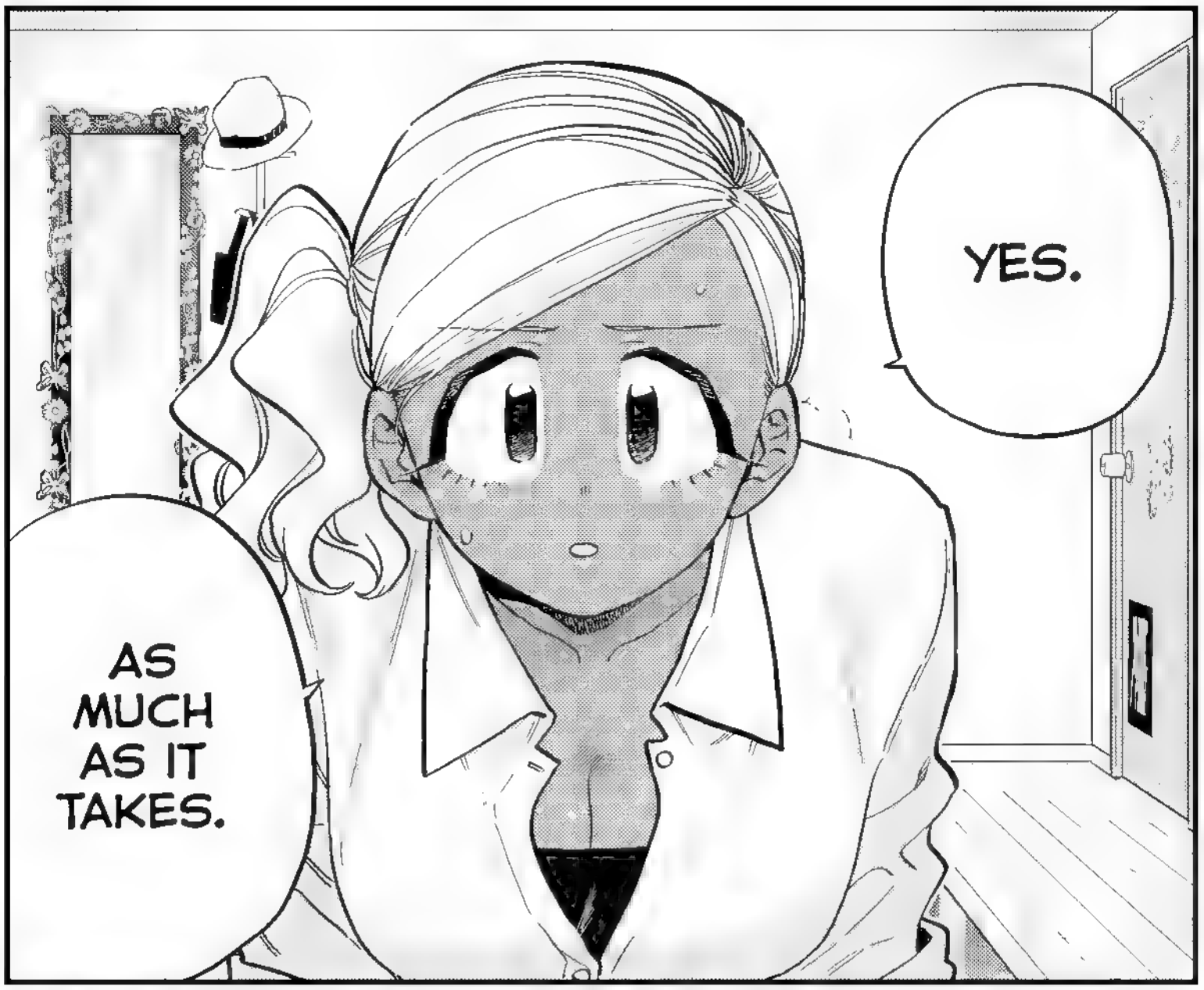
OH, THAT'S TOO BAD.
...SO I'M WOR-RIED.
IT DOESN'T LOOK WELL...
...WE GOT AT THE FESTI-VAL?
REMEM-BER THE GOLD-FISH...
!
I used to have one.
WANT ME TO TAKE A LOOK?
...AT MY HOUSE?
...
HUH?
YOU MEAN LIKE ...
WHAH?!
YES. I CAN COME OVER IF YOU WANT.

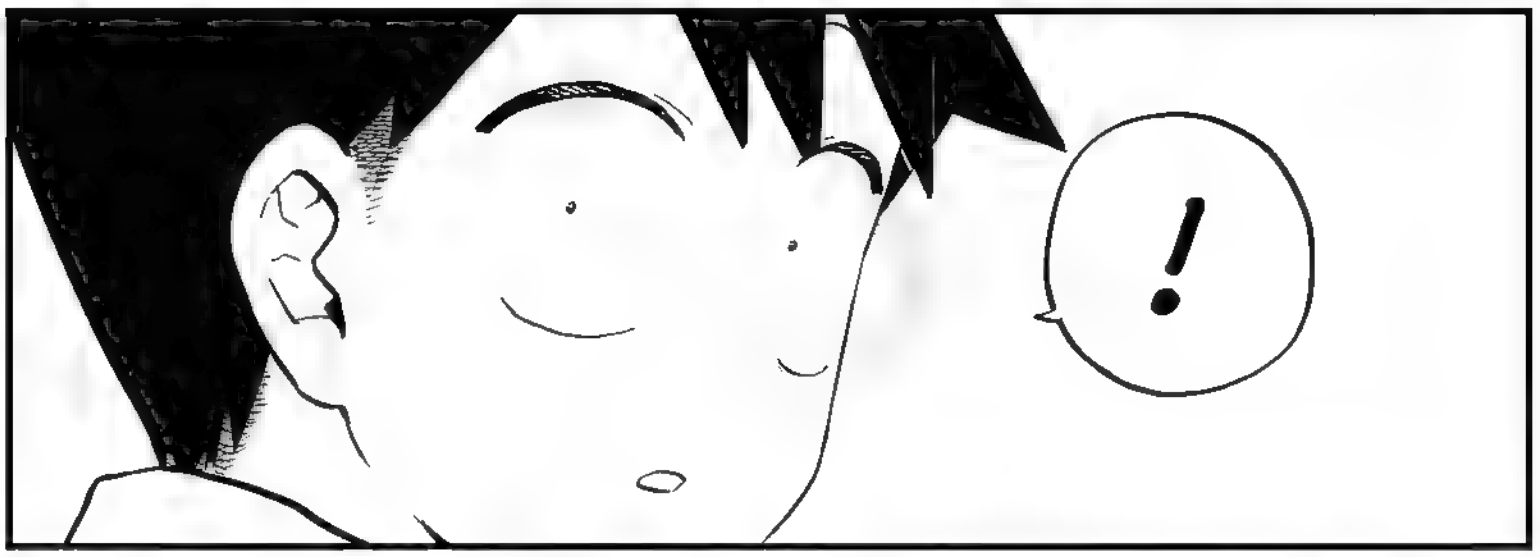
Communication 217: Goldfish

WELL?

UM, ABOUT HALF-AND-HALF.
I LET THE WATER SIT FOR A DAY.
ARE THE PLANTS REAL OR IMITATION?
HOW DO YOU REMOVE CHLORINE ?
HOW OFTEN DO YOU CHANGE THE WATER?
UM, ONCE A WEEK.

ARE YOU WILLING TO SPEND A LITTLE MONEY?
OKAY, GOT IT.


YES.
AS MUCH AS IT TAKES.


!

SHIROKANEYA

CORNER
ZIRO

GLUP GLUP

GLUP

WELL, THAT SHOULD FIX IT!

YES. IT PROBABLY NEEDED MORE OXYGEN.

...TH-THAT'S ALL IT TAKES?

UM...

...SO...

WHEN YOU ADD WATER, MAKE SURE IT'S THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE TO AVOID SHOCK TO THE FISH.

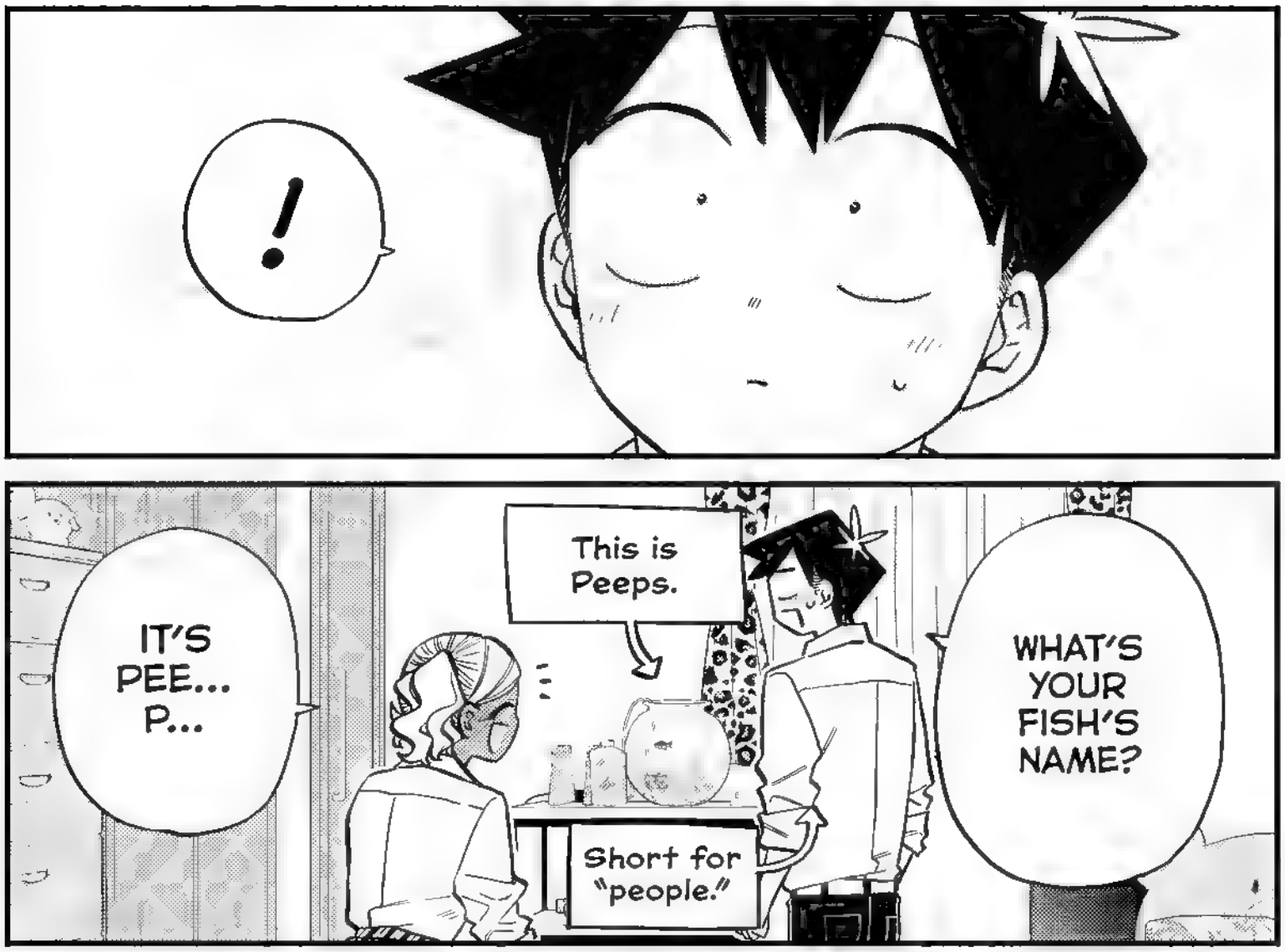
THIS LIQUID IS GOOD FOR REMOVING CHLORINE.

...SO ONLY CHANGE ABOUT ONE-THIRD EVERY COUPLE WEEKS.

IT DOESN'T LOOK SICK AND THERE'S ENOUGH WATER, BUT CHANGING THE WATER INDUCES STRESS...

W...

FLUMP
WHEEEEEW!
YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU SHOULD HAVE! I WAS WORRIED SICK!!
Sorry...
GRAR
SORRY! I SHOULD'VE EXPLAINED SOONER!
NO PROB-LEM!
THANK YOU!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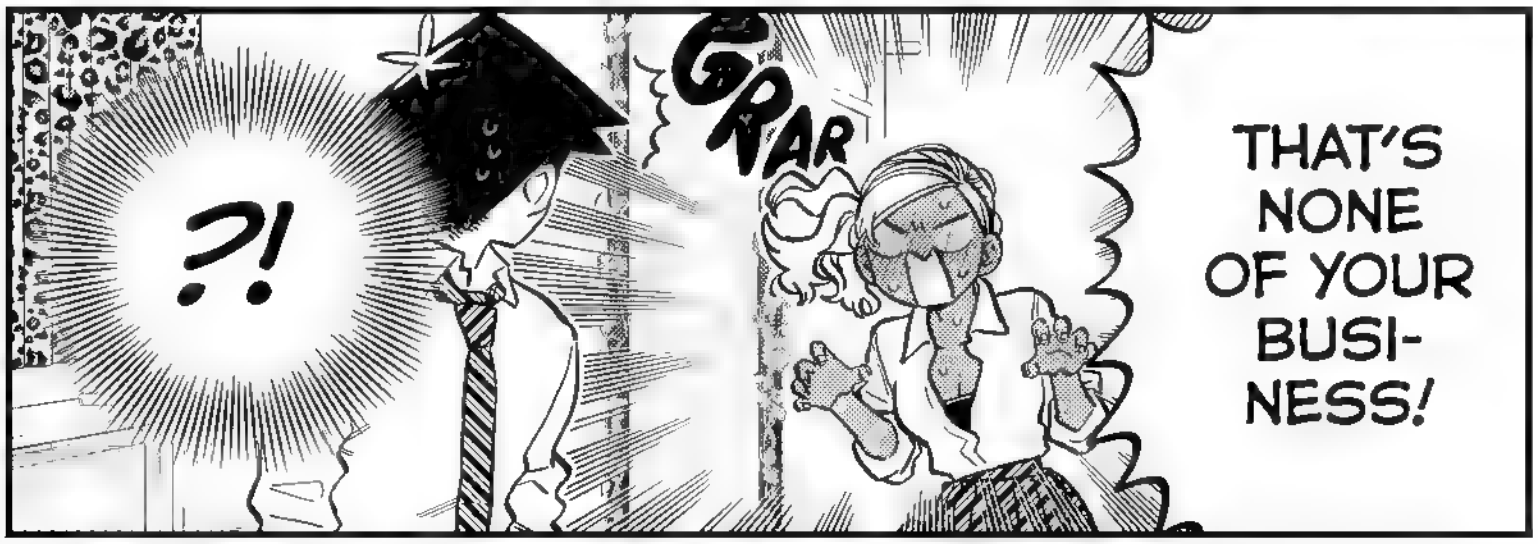
IT'S PEE... P...
This is Peeps.
Short for "people."
WHAT'S YOUR FISH'S NAME?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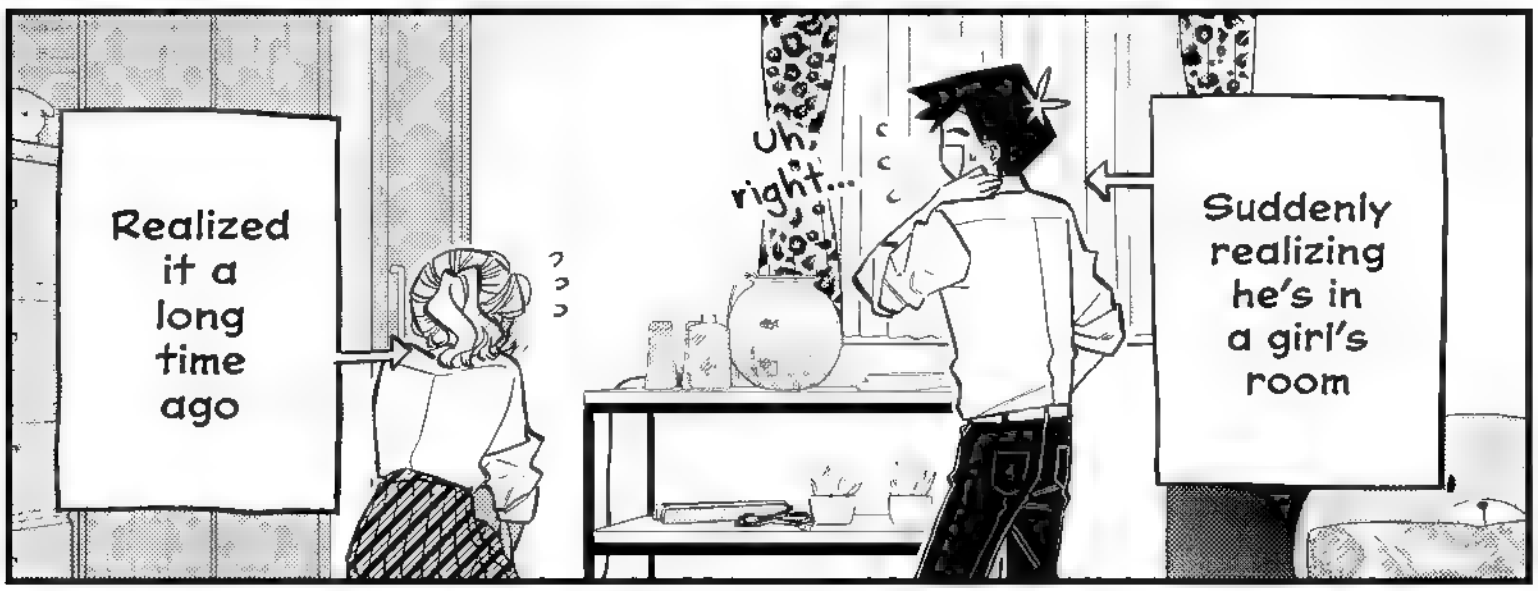
GRAR
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS!


Realized it a long time ago
Uh, right...
Suddenly realizing he's in a girl's room

?!

UM, ARE YOUR PARENTS HOME?

?!

UH, THEY GET HOME LATE.

...

GLUP GLUP

...

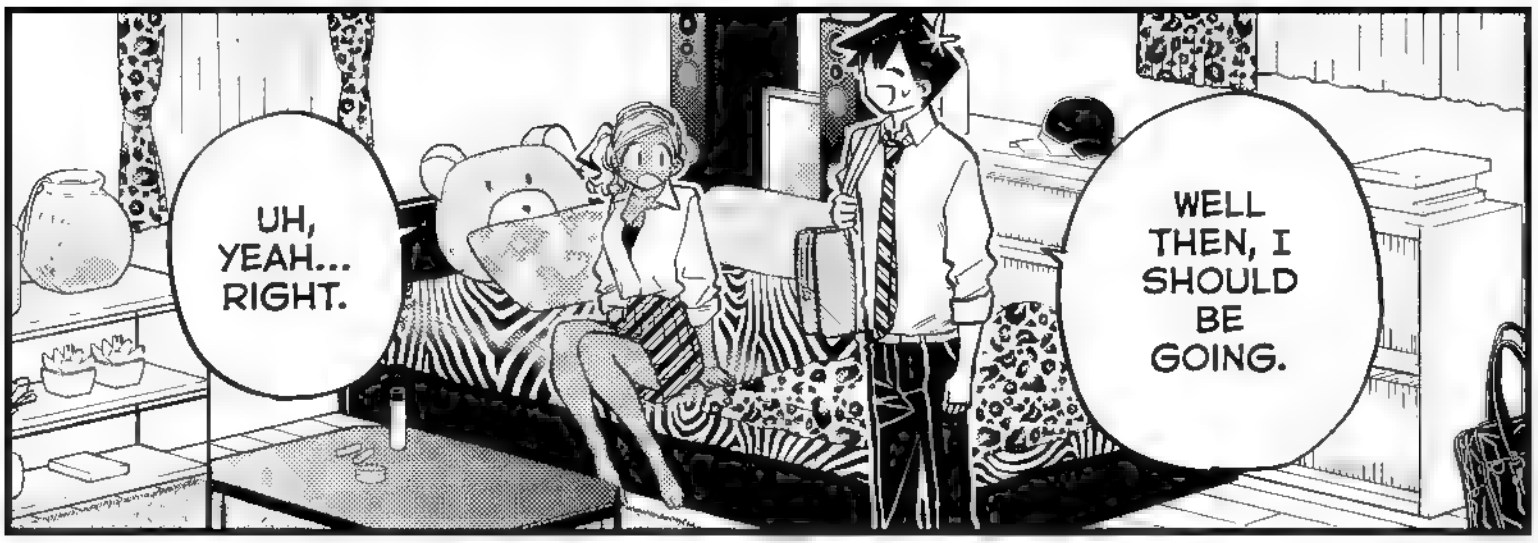
...

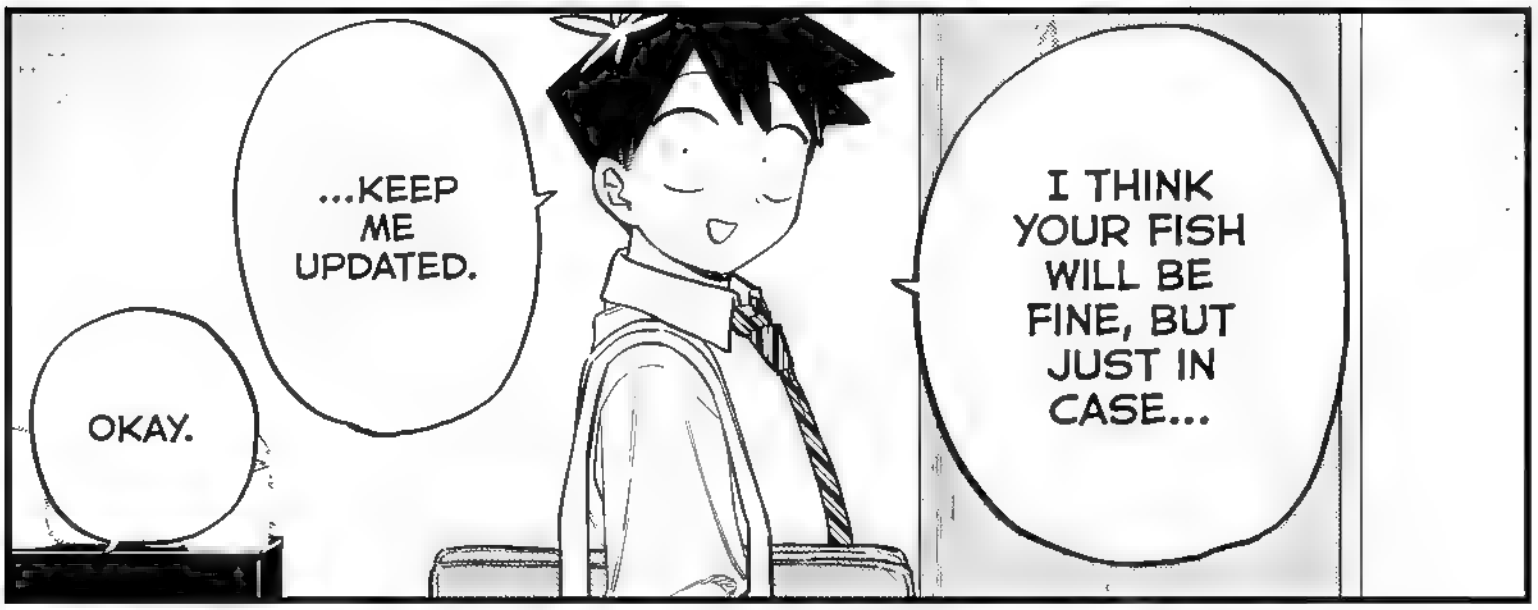
OKAY!

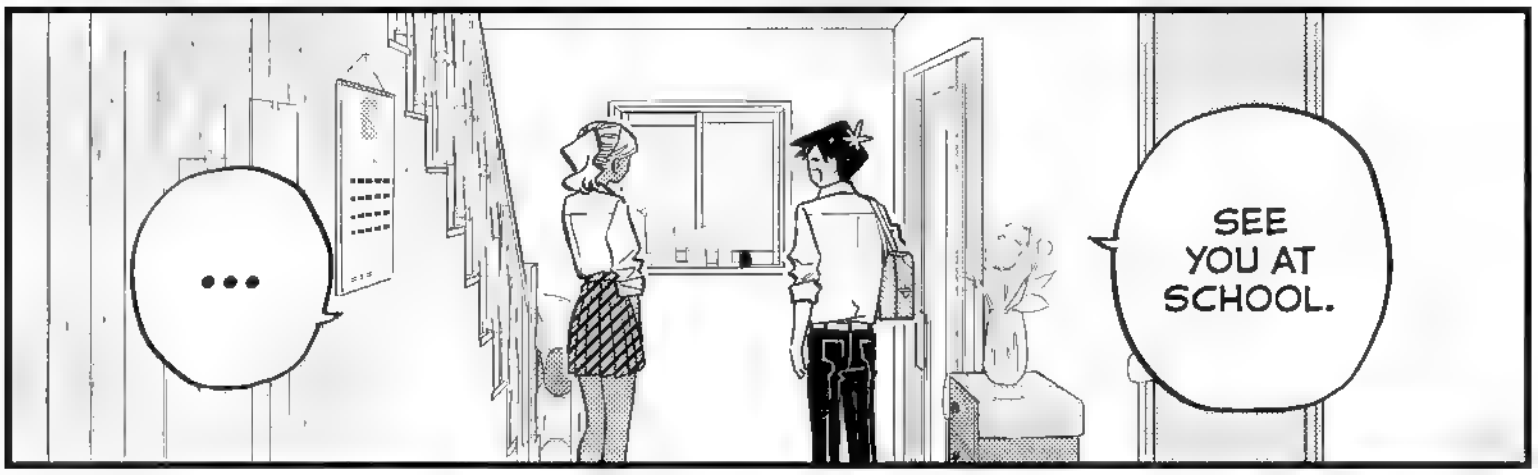
OH...

UM, UNDER-STOOD!!

B- BUT MY *GRANDMA* WILL BE HOME ANY MOMENT !!!


UH, YEAH... RIGHT.
WELL THEN, I SHOULD BE GOING.


OKAY.
...KEEP ME UPDATED.
I THINK YOUR FISH WILL BE FINE, BUT JUST IN CASE...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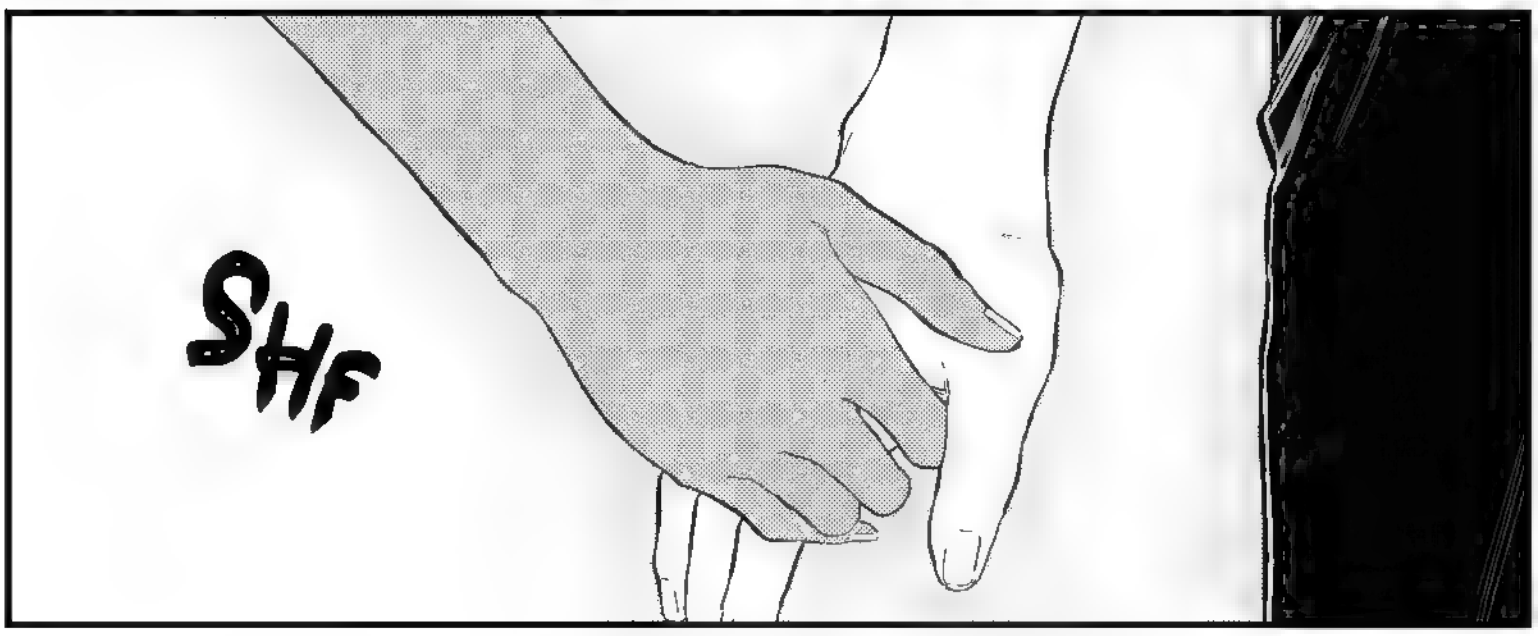
SEE YOU AT SCHOOL.


SHF

NO, WAIT.

UM, UH...

UH... Y-YES?

?!

...WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

?

N-NO! ERM! THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS GONNA ASK!

UH...
SWEAT
...DO YOU...
...LIKE ANYONE?

?

NO, UH...

...NOT EXACTLY.

I MEAN, NO!

I DON'T!

"NOT EXACTLY"?

OH...

HMMM...

CHAK

SHUV

?!

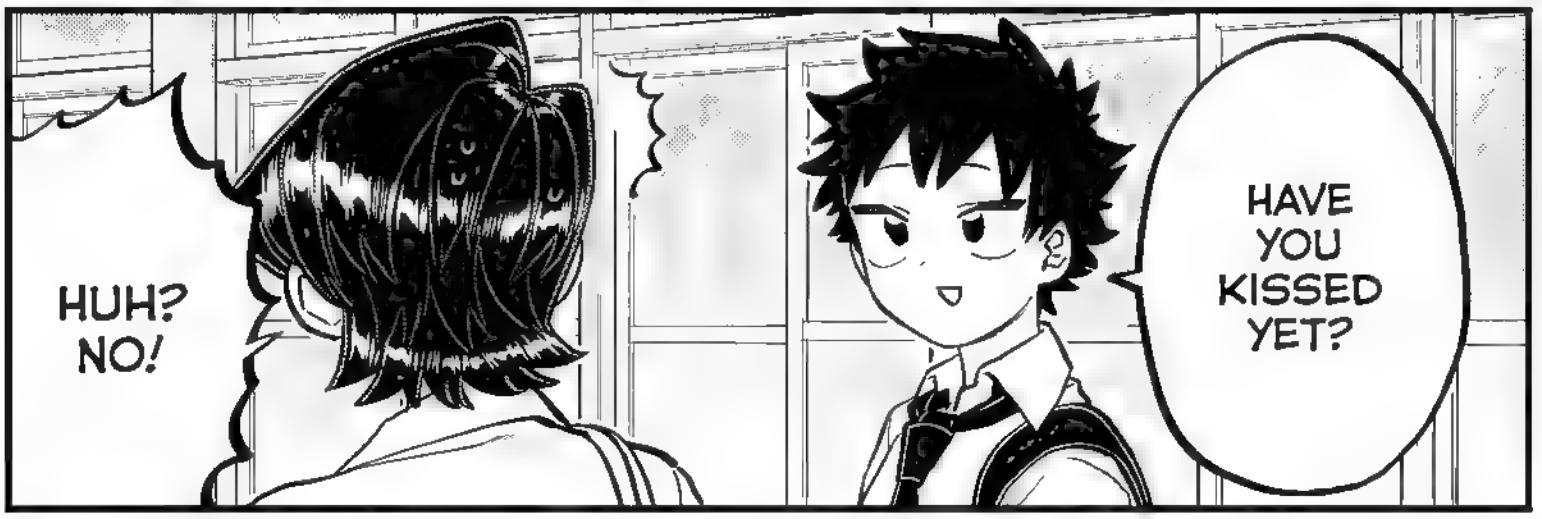
WELL, WHAT'S IT TO ME?! SCRAM !!

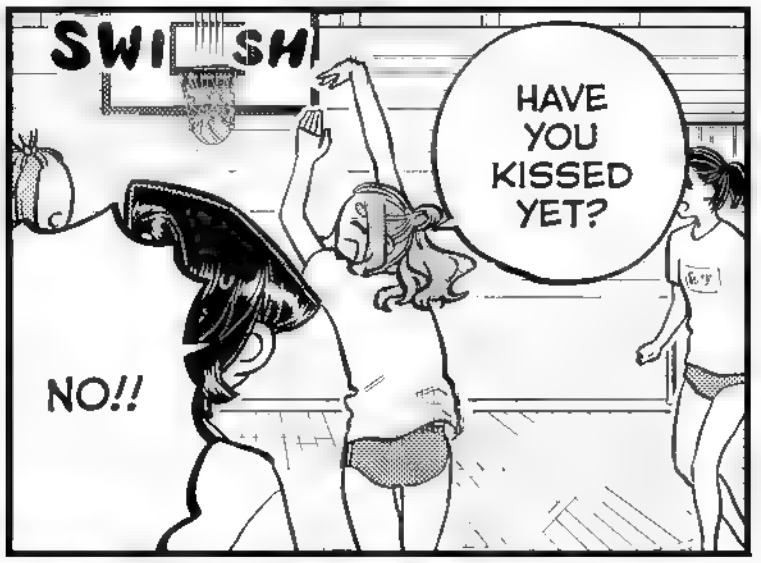
GYAAAH
I BASICALLY TOLD HIM I LIKE HIM!!
KICK KICK
I'M HOME, RUMI. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT'S NOT LIKE HE LIKES ME, BUT STILL!!
BUT HE SAID NO!! IS THAT TRUE?!
?
?

Communication 217 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

BUT I'D HAVE JUST STARED!! DAT'S RIGHT!!
AND SHUKO WAS SO SEXY IN HER BIKINI DAT MASAYOSHI COULDN'T LOOK AT HER!
...TO DA SEA FOR THEIR FIRST DATE.
MASA-YOSHI KOMI AND SHUKO NIIMI TOOK A MOTOR-CYCLE...
DA STORY SO FAR!
STRIP





Communication 218: Dad and Mom Kiss

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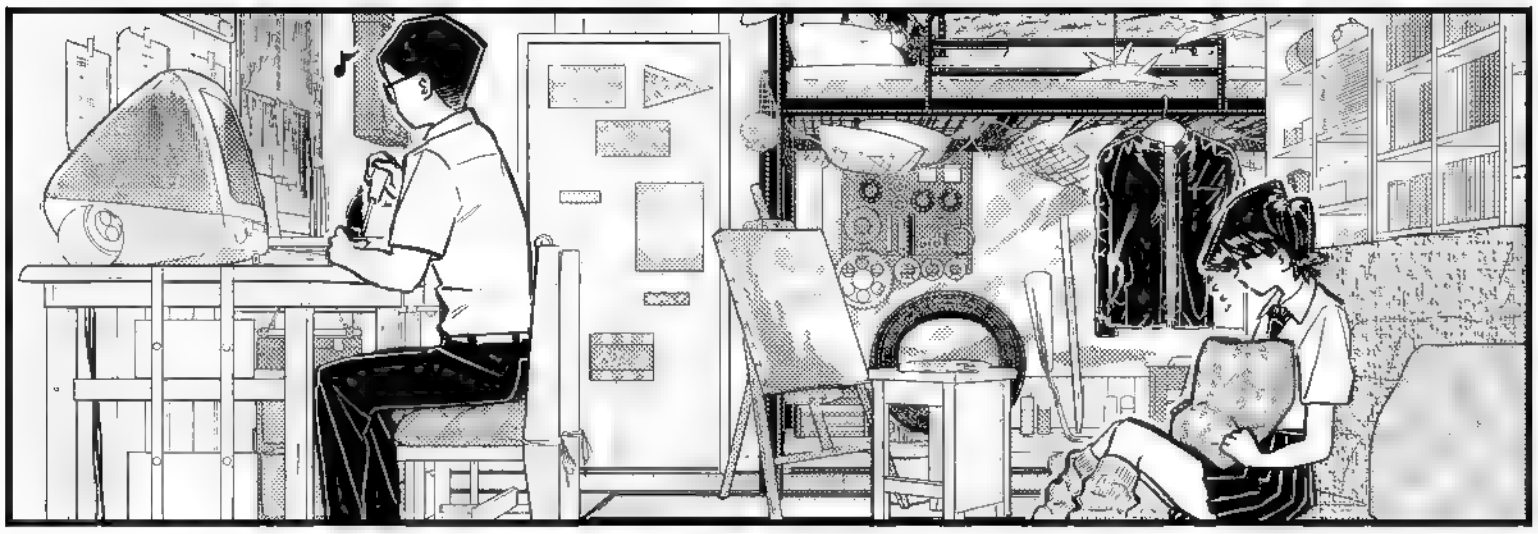

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SPLORT
KRASH
ARE YOU INTER-ESTED IN KISSING TOO?

?!

?!

K-KATER

K

?!!

D-DO YOU WANT TO KISS ME?!

?!?

??!

FUMP

BABAAM

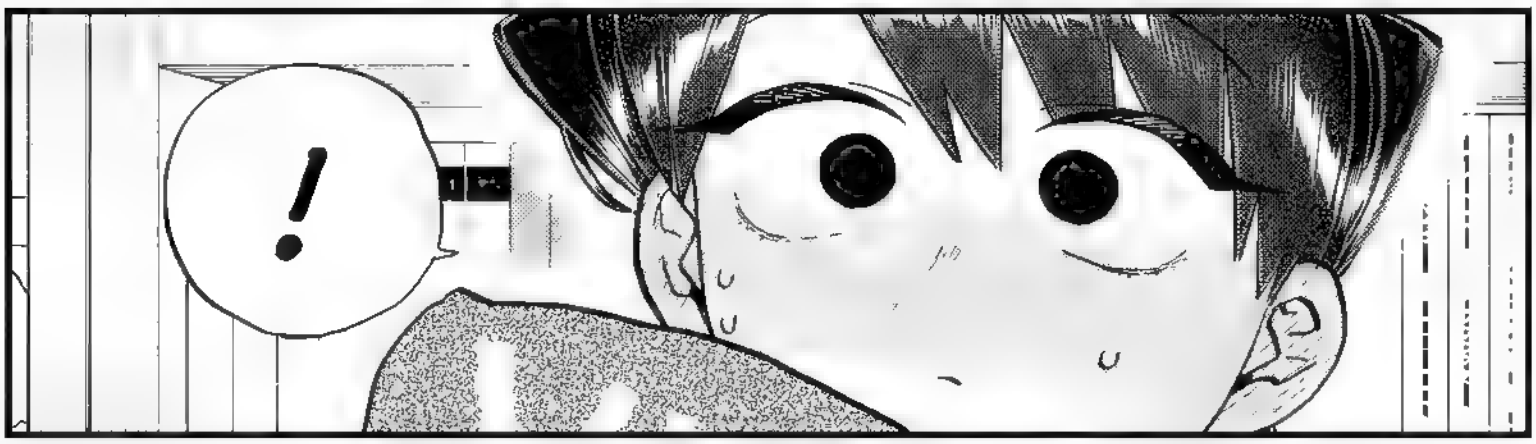
BUMP

SMASH

CRAK

?!?

NOD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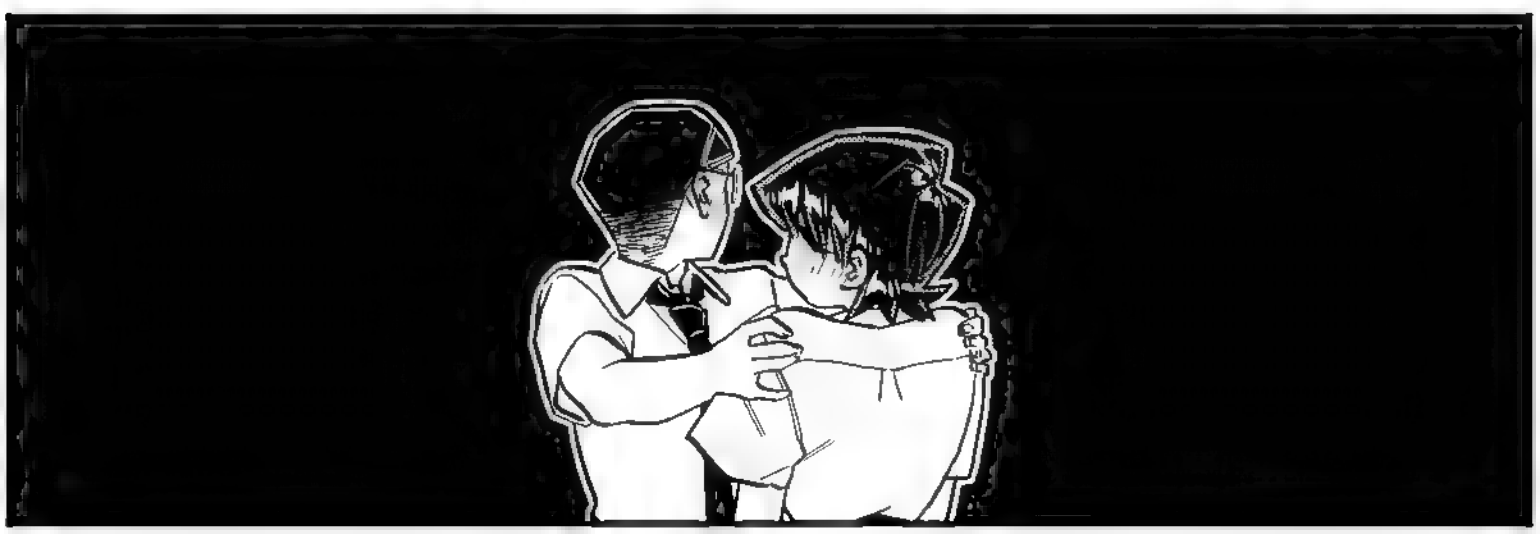
Nooo
NOD
...SH... SHALL WE?
!
...TH- THEN...
...SH ...
UM...
...TH ...

M...
MASAYOSHI
...
...IT'S MY FIRST TIME...
...SO BE GENTLE.

?!
She was too cute.
SPLORT



HMPH
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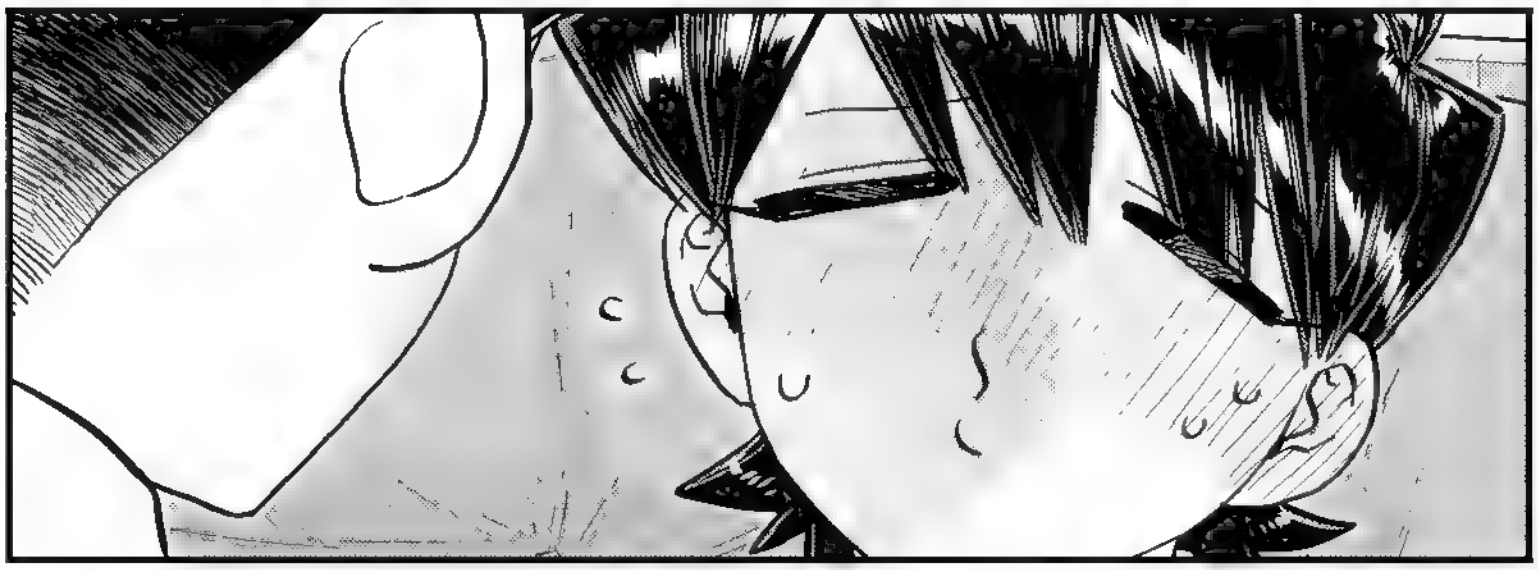
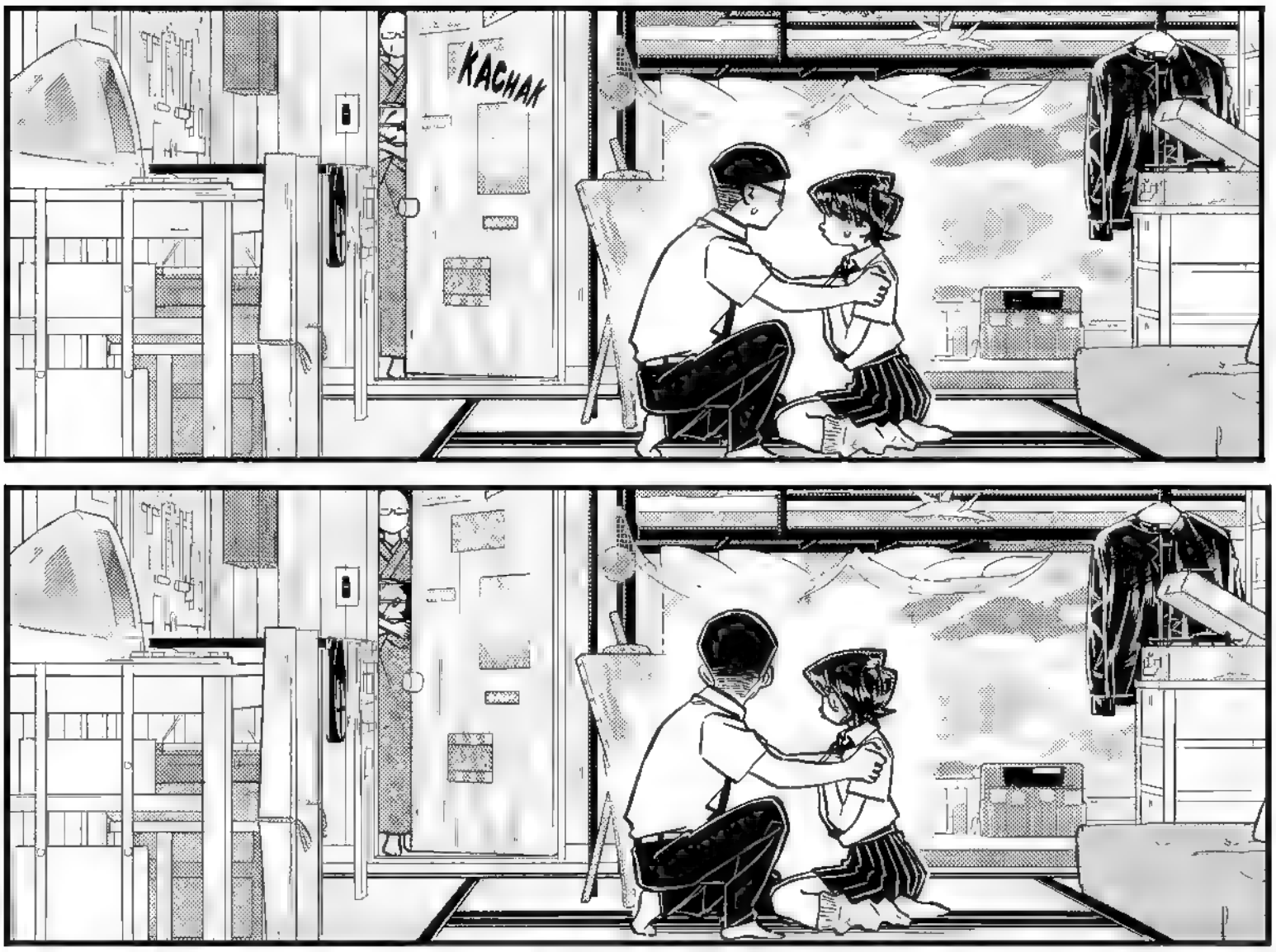
...

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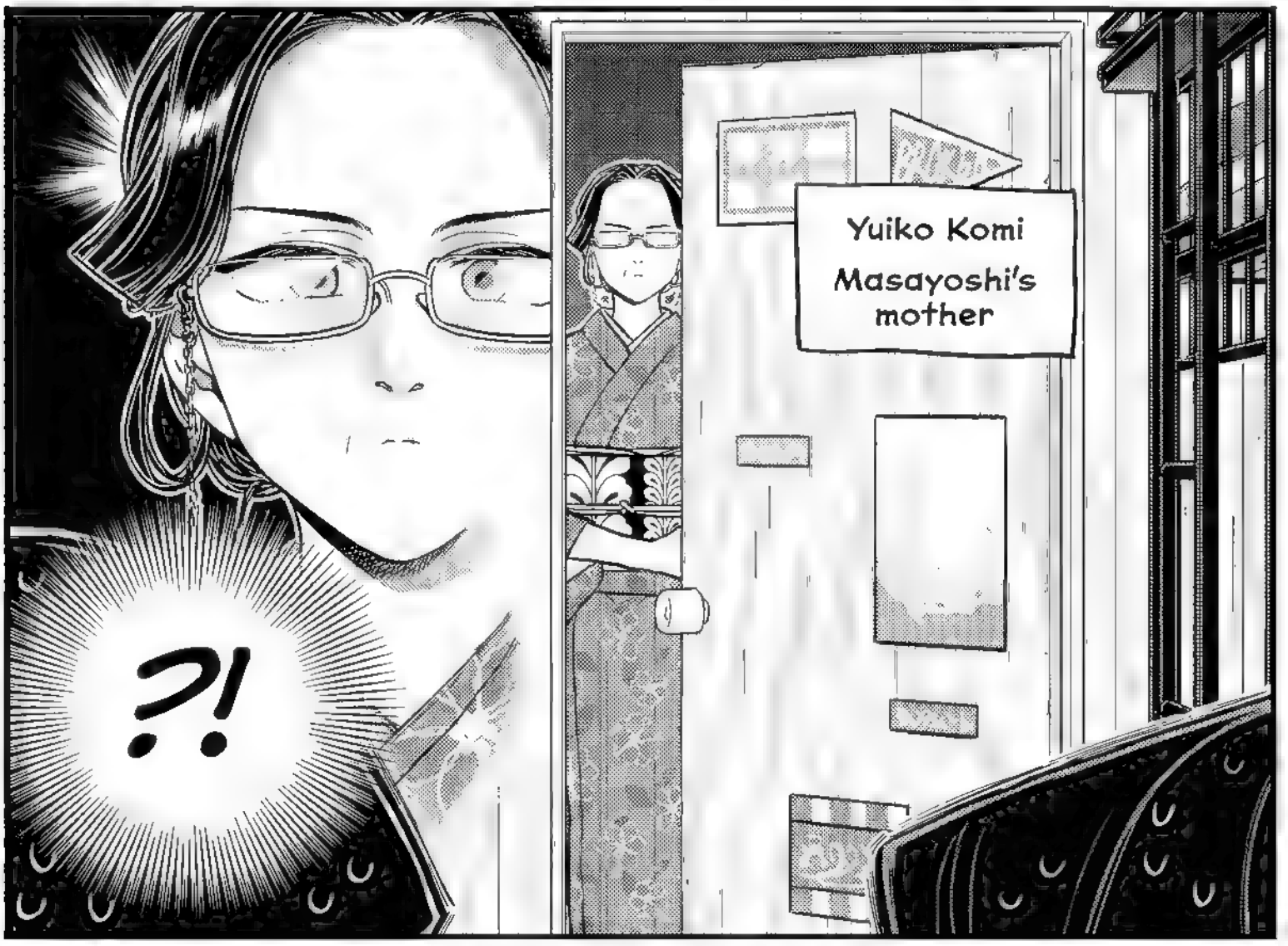
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Yuiko Komi
Masayoshi's mother

...WE WERE JUST ...

...NOT DOING ANYTHING IMPURE AT ALL!!

...W ...

NO...

...UM ...

OR IS FRENCH KISSING *DEEP* ?!

HELP ME OUT HERE, MASA!!

WAIT! IS THAT RIGHT ?!

IT W-WASN'T DEEP!

JUST *FRENCH* KISSING !!

...EXAMINING ONE OF HIS NOSE HAIRS!!!

?!

I...I WAS JUST ...

ANYWAY, WE WEREN'T GONNA GO ANY FURTHER!!

M-MASA! SAY SOME-THING!!!

Communication 218 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 219: Winter Uniform

Also likes the smell of autumn

!

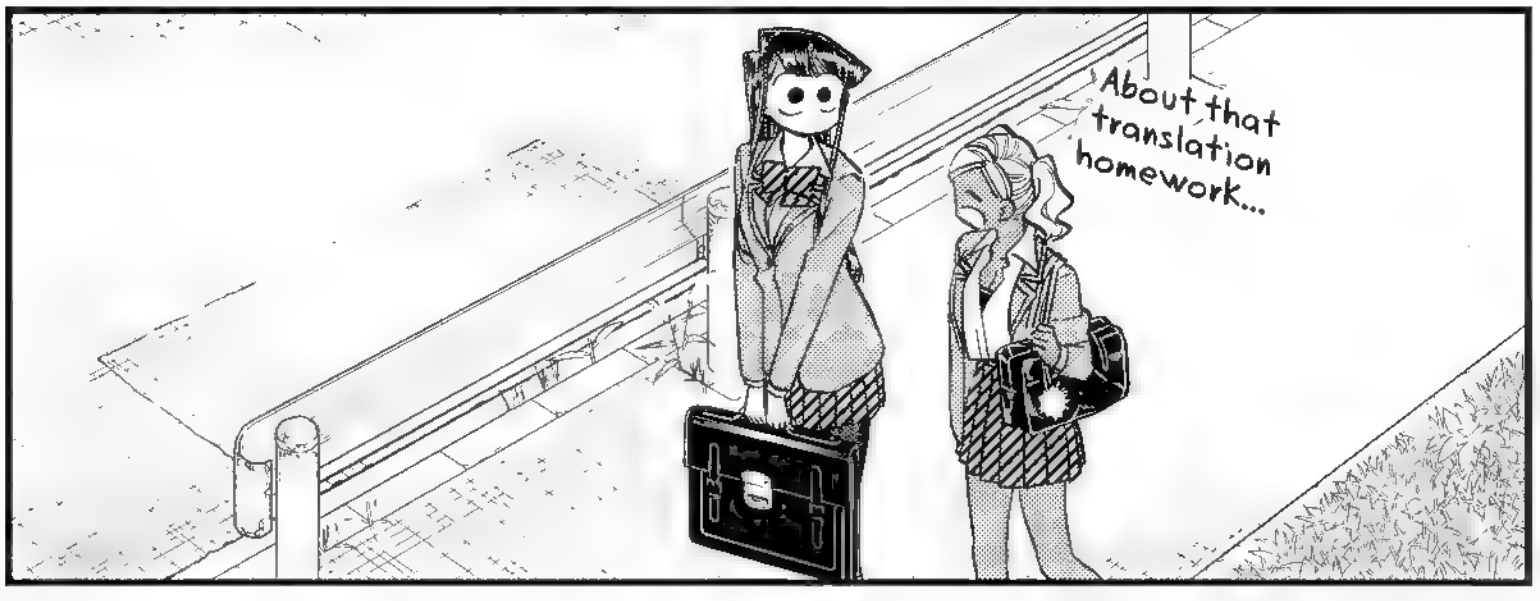
TMP
TMP
TMP

FIDGET
FIDGET
Got closer but now can't say anything

!
Gyah!!
FLINCH
?!
TAP
...

!
BOW BOW
!
Y-YOU SCARED ME!!
K-KOMI ?!
BLUSH
BLUSH
Happy
YOU'RE IN YOUR WINTER UNIFORM TOO! IT'S CUTE!
IT REALLY SUITS YOU!

Happy
EVERYONE SAYS THE WINTER UNIFORM DOESN'T SUIT ME!
BLUSH
BLUSH
OH? REALLY ?
"You look cute too."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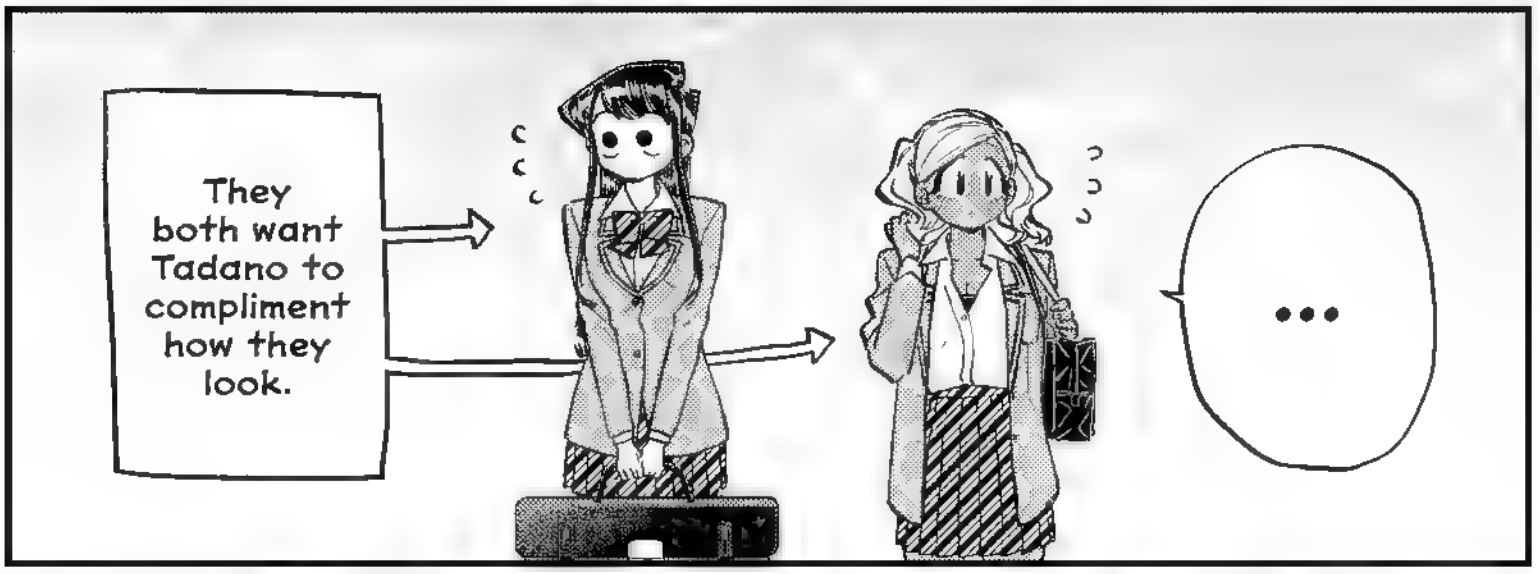
They both want Tadano to compliment how they look.
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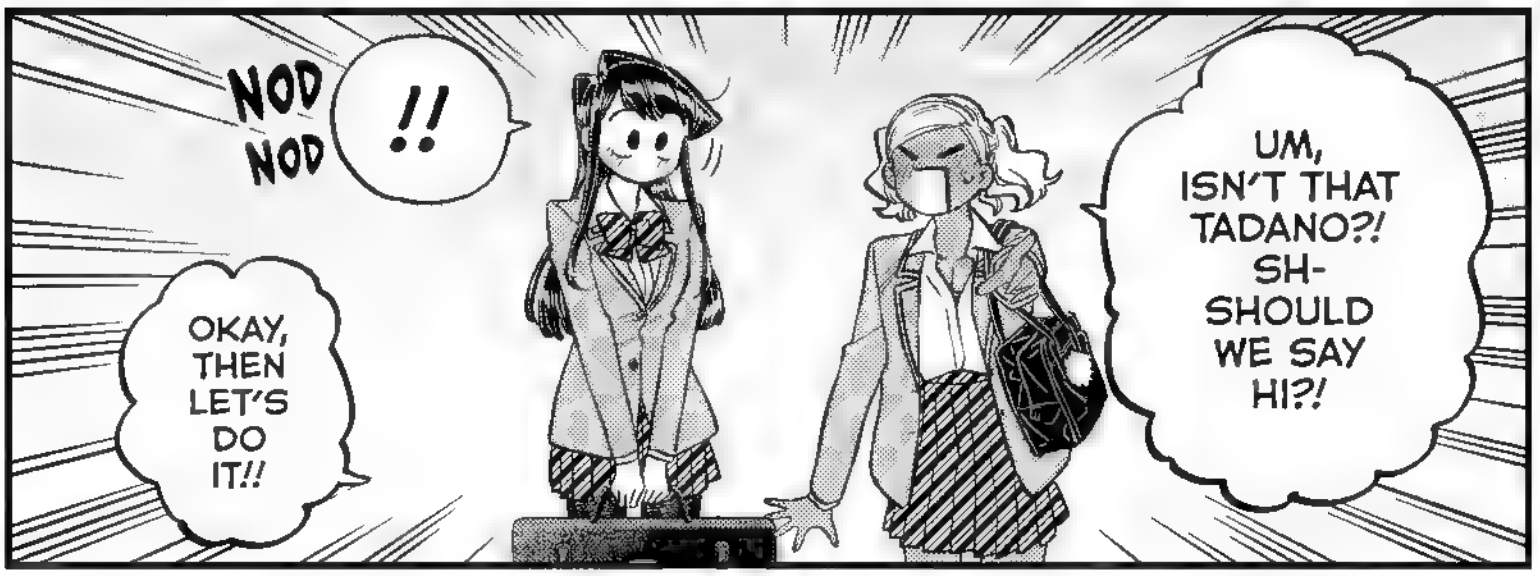
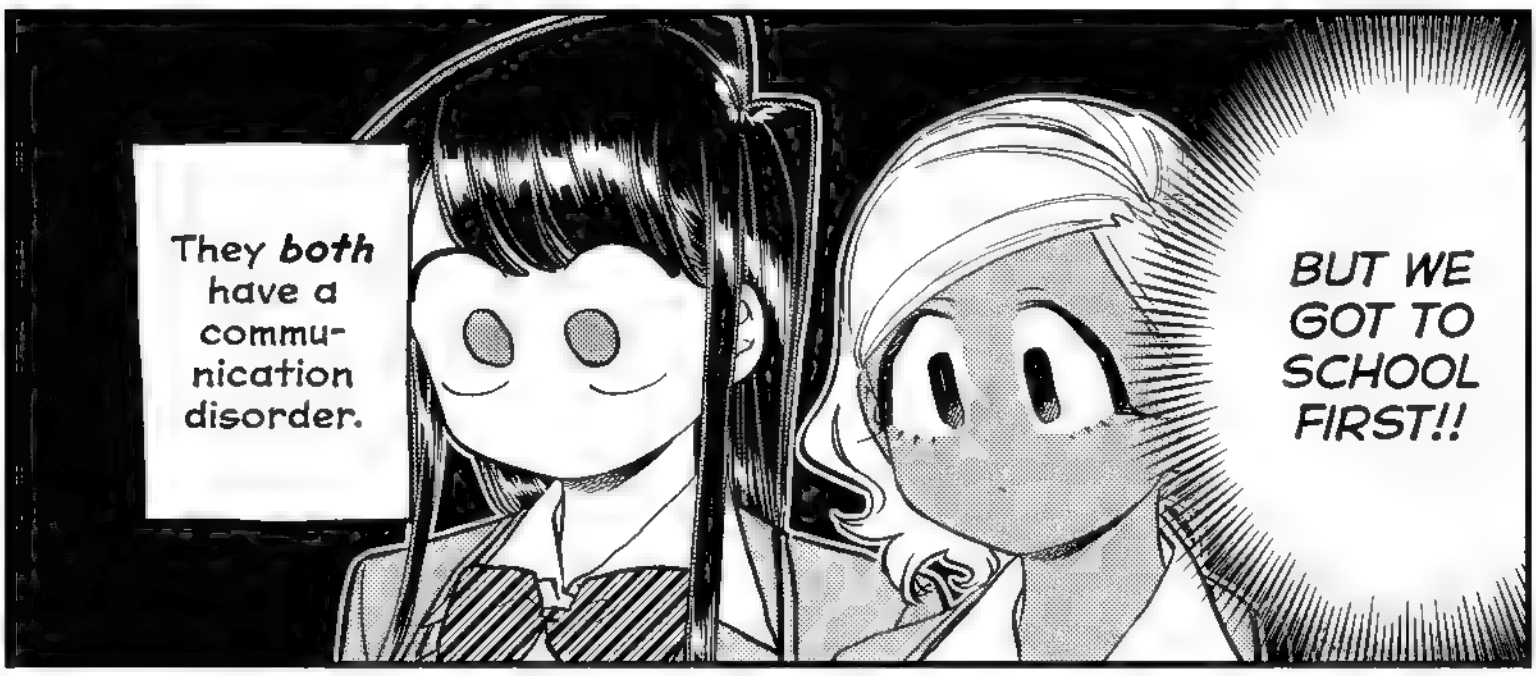

NOD NOD
!!
OKAY, THEN LET'S DO IT!!
UM, ISN'T THAT TADANO?! SH- SHOULD WE SAY HI?!

CLEANING

RENOVATION

FUTON FLUFFING SALE



Communication 219 — The End

Communication 220:
Winter Uniform, Part 2

Komi Can't Communicate

Blugh ...

Ugh ...

?!

Oof ...

WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?!

I'M ALL GROG-GY...

I'M SLEEPY ...

HUH? IS IT MORNING ?

W-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

STAGGER STAGGER

?!

We're deciding our project for the culture festival!!

See volume 5.

THANKS TO *YOU.*

URGH

MY CLASS FAILED TO CAPTURE FIRST PRIZE LAST YEAR.

YOU CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT?

Then stop napping!

SUFFERING FROM THE STING OF DEFEAT, I WAS SO FRUSTRATED THAT I ACTUALLY SLEPT AT NIGHT.

ONE ROUGH NIGHT AND YOU'RE A WRECK?!

SO I KEPT EVERYONE UP ALL LAST NIGHT THINKING OF WAYS TO SEIZE FIRST PRIZE!

Despite it all, Tadano is listening intently.

Anyway, here are our ideas!!

BAM

MAID CAFE

BUT WITH A TWIST!

A REVENGE *MAID CAFE* TO MAKE UP FOR LAST YEAR!!

Najimi Osana's idea

TADAAAAH

EXCEL-LENT IDEA!!

EVERYONE WILL WEAR KOMI MASKS AND WE'LL CALL IT KOMI'S MAID CAFE!!

?!

THAT'S SURE TO WIN!!!

Staying up all night has dulled Najimi's decision-making capabilities.

BAM

BUT IT WON'T BE LIKE USUAL!!

RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

...RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT!

I THINK WE SHOULD PLAY...

Natsu Fuku-suki's idea

RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

EXCEL-LENT IDEA!!

?!

KOMI WILL BE "IT," SO EVERYONE GETS TO SEE HER PEEK BACK REPEATEDLY ...

...UNTIL THE WINNER TOUCHES HER!!

Touch!!

Staying up all night has brought out his desires.

INSTEAD, I PROPOSE A MORE TRADITIONAL KIND OF COMPAN-IONSHIP.

BUT NOT THE CHEAP KIND OFFERED BY NAJIMI OSANA LAST YEAR.

TUNK

PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENT.

WHAT OUR USERS CRAVE IS...

...INTER-ACTION.

Men Kicho's idea

EXCEL-LENT IDEA!!

TORA, T-O-O-O-RA T-O-O-O-RA TORA!

KOMI WILL DRESS LIKE AN APPRENTICE GEISHA AND PLAY PARTY GAMES LIKE *KONPIRA FUNE FUNE* OR *TORA TORA* WITH OUR PATRONS.

?!

KINPIRA FUNE FUNE!

PEOPLE WILL COME IN DROVES!

Staying up all night has increased his tendency to put a rational gloss on the irrational.

WE'LL HAVE KOMI TAKE OUR MEASUREMENTS!!

INSTEAD OF US TOUCHING HER, *SHE* CAN TOUCH *US*.

SO I HAD ANOTHER IDEA.

WHICH IS A CRIME AND *WRONG*.

TUNK

KOMI TAKES MEASUREMENTS

?!

FONDLING KOMI'S BOOBS.

Shuki Ohai's idea

EXCELLENT IDEA!!

?!

SHE CAN MEASURE OUR CHEST SIZE!!

YAAAAAY!!

THIRTY-TWO INCHES.

Staying up all night has made everyone hyper.

KOMI ?!
HWUP
SINCE THE OPTIONS ARE ALL ABOUT YOU, WHAT DO *YOU* SAY, KOMI?
They're suddenly very contrite.
Komi's here?!
Uh-oh...
Why did I say that?!
SKRK SKRK

It was scary and fun.
Last summer, you put a lot of work into the test of courage.

"So if you don't mind..."

"I wanted to plan one with you sometime."

I would like to brainstorm with you.

"But less focus on me please."

But less focus on me please

*Najimi again.

WHO SAID WE HAVE TO EXPLOIT KOMI?!

*Najimi.

WHO INSTI-GATED THIS ANYWAY ?!

SORRY! WE DIDN'T MEAN TO!!

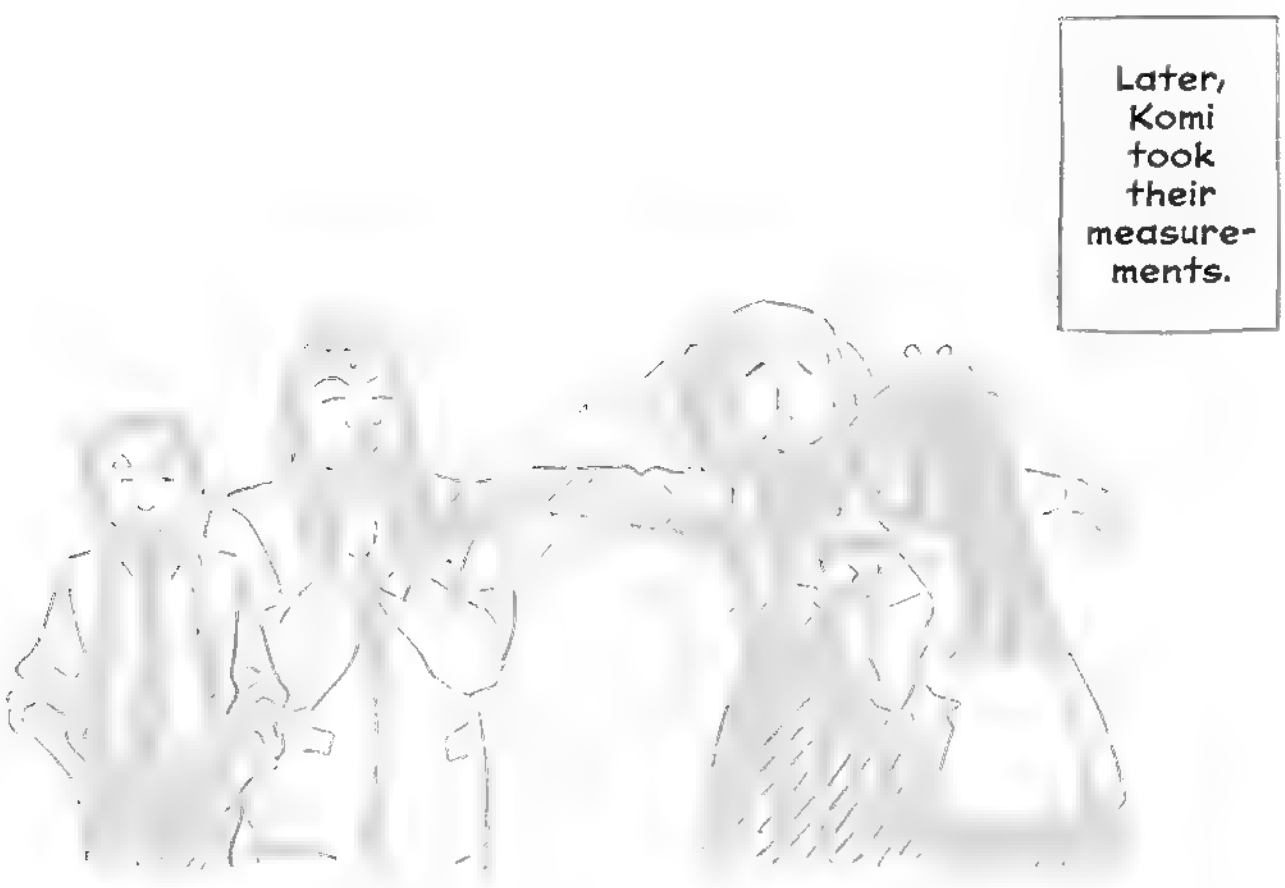
YEAH! WHY DID WE EXCLUDE HER?!

ANYWAY, ONE THING'S FOR SURE...

AS THE CULTURE FESTIVAL APPROACHES, THEY'RE IN ACCORD!!

KOMI LOOKS GREAT IN HER WINTER UNIFORM !!!

Communication 220 — The End


Later, Komi took their measure-ments.

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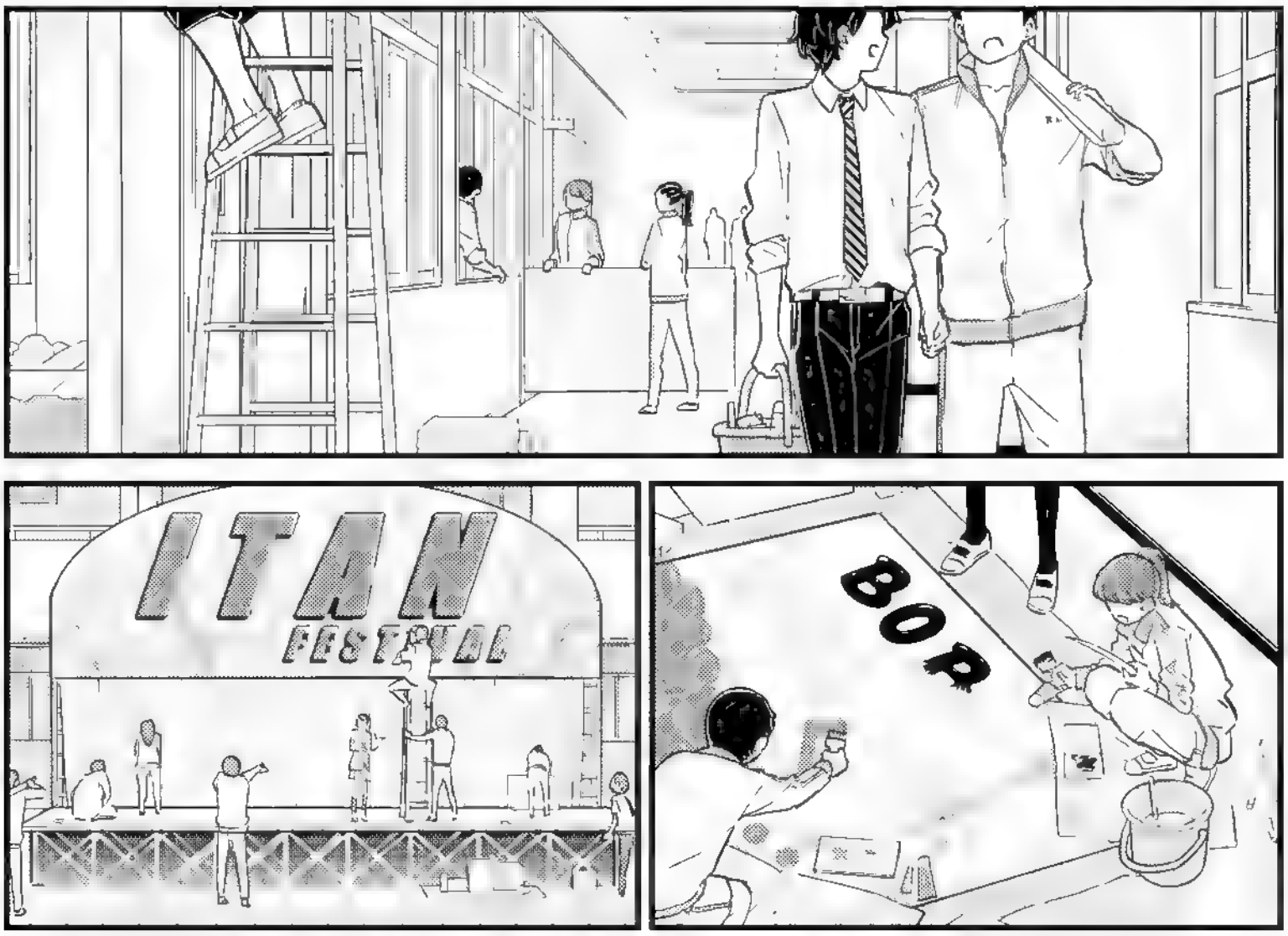
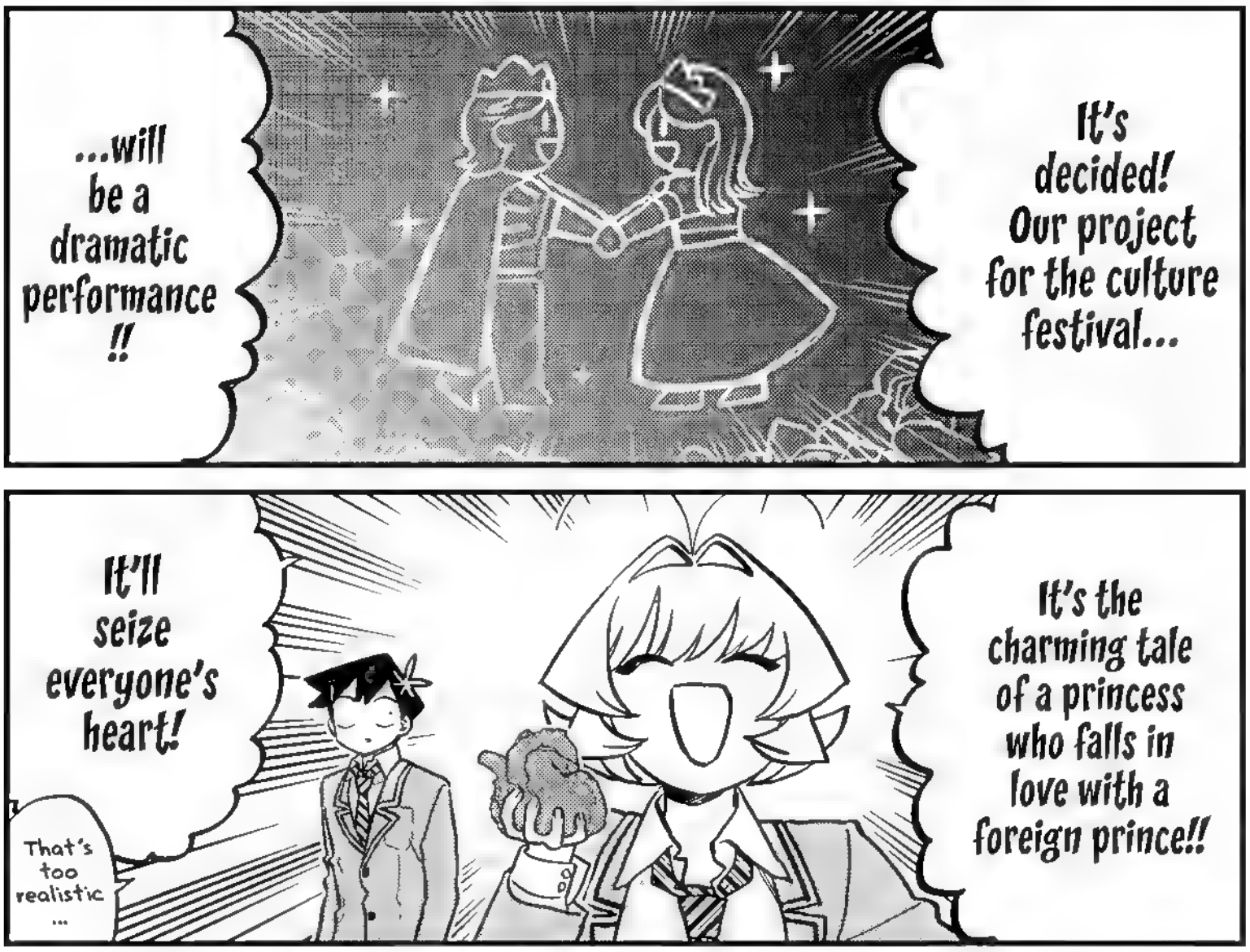



...will be a dramatic performance !!
It's decided! Our project for the culture festival...
It'll seize everyone's heart!
That's too realistic ...
It's the charming tale of a princess who falls in love with a foreign prince!!

Communication 221: Culture Festival Rehearsal

OUR PRINCESS WILL BE *YOU-KNOW-WHO!!*

JOLT

?!

Sighing (in a good way)

WHE EEE EEW ooo

?!

HWUP

K

WHO WANTS KOMI TO BE THE PRINCESS ?

Casting her role:

AND THE FOREIGN PRINCE WILL BE...

I'M A GIRL. BUT I PLAY MEN...

...OKAY?

Takarazuka is handsome.

KNOCK 'EM DEAD AT THE FESTIVAL TOO!

Heh heh...

Kyaaah!

Kyaaah!

KYA AAH!

?!

N

HWUP

IT'S EITHER NARUSE OR TAKARAZUKA! WHO WANTS TAKARAZUKA?

Casting her role:

BUT AM I *REALLY?*
AND TADANO IS THE DIRECTOR !!
I'M THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR!
NAJIMI JUST WANTS TO BLAME ME IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG...
BING
IT'S A BIG RESPON-SIBILITY! SO GOOD LUCK!

DIRECTOR
YAAAY
OKAY, LET'S START AT THE BEGIN-NING!
BLOOM
HUH? UH, NO PROB-LEM.
?
SORRY TO TAKE SUCH A GREAT ROLE, TADANO.

ACTION!!

Isn't that my chair?

DIRECTOR

FIRST, THE PRINCESS COMES OUT ALL ELEGANT LIKE WITH A LITTLE BIRD!

CUT!!

AWKWARD

TREMMMBLE

TREMMMBLE

DON'T BE BOSSY.

DIRECTO

OTHERS WOULD *KILL* FOR THIS ROLE!!

ARE YOU EVEN TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY?! IF YOU DON'T WANNA DO THIS, YOU CAN QUIT, YA KNOW!

NEXT! THE PRINCESS AND THE FOREIGN PRINCE ARE SMITTEN!

WHAT INCREDIBLE ACTING !!

NEEEIGH

KLIP KLOP

MY LADY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

Cut!!

TREMMMBLE

...

KREAK

TRE

?!

BLE

JUST LOOK PRETTY !!

KOMI! SPARE US THE FACIAL CONTOR-TIONS!

SWUP

WUNK

DON'T WORRY.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

BLOOM

BOW BOW

!

!

Cut!!

HALF THE HORSE VANISHED!

OUTWARD

NEXT! THE PRINCESS LEAVES WITH HER PRINCE!!

Cut!!

♪

♫

INWARD

NEXT! THE PRINCESS, THE GHOST, THE LION, AND THE SNOWMAN HAVE A HAPPY PARADE!!

Cut!!

TREMMMBLE

THE PRINCESS HANDS BREAD TO THE PRINCE!!

Cut!!

?!

THEN SHE GETS ON A GIANT SPACECRAFT AND, DESPITE THE ADMONITIONS OF THE GREAT SPIRIT, SHOOTS THE MINISTER WITH A WAVE-MOTION PARTICLE GUN!!!

SHE'S NEW TO THIS. SHE JUST NEEDS MORE PRACTICE.

FINE... ONE MORE TIME!

TREMMMM

MBLE

GET INTO THE ROLE!

THAT *STUNK*, KOMI!! USE YOUR IMAGI-NATION!!

!!

...HOW COULD *YOOF*–

MINIS-TER...

Ah ha ha ha!

YOU TOO, MAYA?!

SORRY. I MESSED UP.

WIZ

ooo

!

Ah ha ha!

I'm counting on you!

TREMBLE

AT LEAST OPEN YOUR MOUTH !!

Some-one did the voice for her.

NO, STOP IT!!

NEXT! THE PRIN-CESS CRIES OUT!!

!!

GET SMOOCH-IN', KOMI!!

!!

AND NOW FOR THE CLIMAX! THEY MASH LIPS!!

HWIP

SWIP

!!

SMOOSH

KYAAA AAAH♡

Faked a kissing sound
Not actually touching
DID YOU THINK I WOULD *REALLY* DO IT?
HEH...
!!!
SWEAT
SWEAT
N... NOD
!!
NOT SO TENSE, KOMI!!
SHUDDDDDER
FINALLY, THEY SMILE AND WAVE AT THE COMMON RABBLE!!

EVEN I CANNOT LIFT THIS PRINCESS'S ...
... CURSE.
KOMI ?!
STOP! STOP, KOMI!!
SHUDDDDER
NO, KOMI! STOP!!
A MOMENT, DIRECTOR?
!
...
PSST
HUH? NO!
TH- THAT'S RIGHT.
WELL, IF IT'LL HELP.
YES.
UH- HUH... NO...
YES?
TREMMMMBLE
KOMI?

TREM MMM MMM MBLE

Expect-ing criticism

UM... UH...

...

Y-YOU LOOK AMAZING ...

...IN THAT PRINCESS DRESS.

Should we change the cast?

HMM ...

OKAY, BACK TO THEIR FIRST MEETING!!

BLOOM

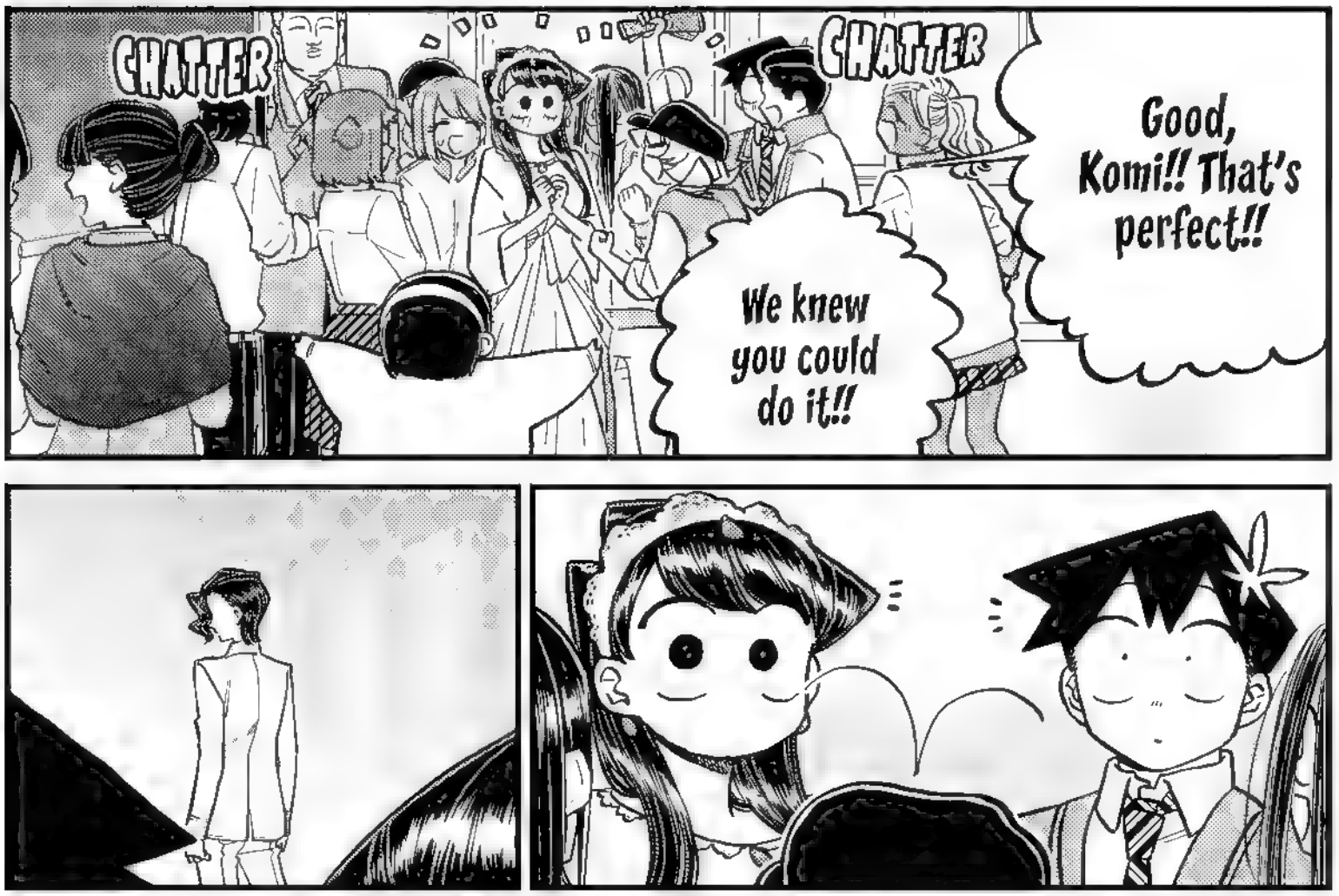
SHE MERELY NEEDS PRACTICE.

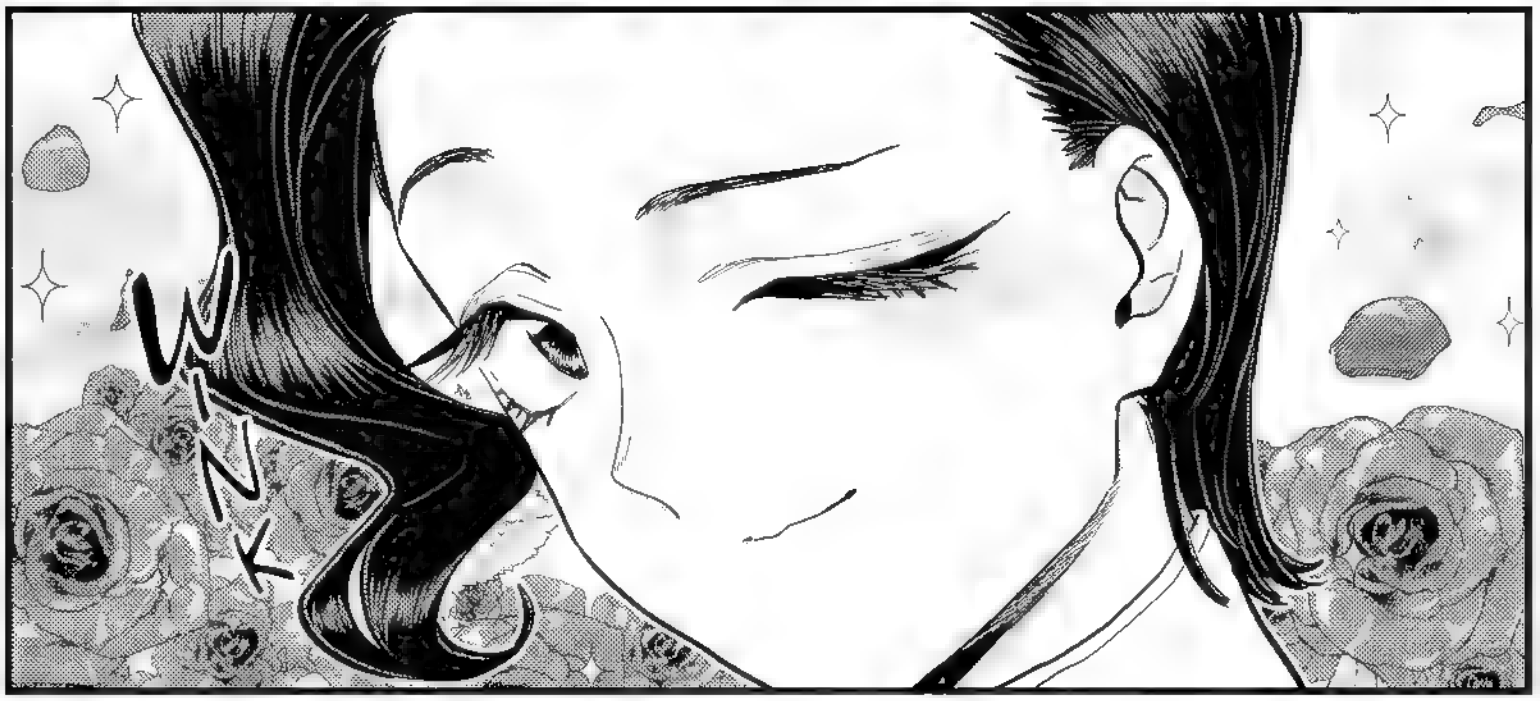
ACTION!!

MY LADY...

...WHAT ARE YOU–

Cut!!





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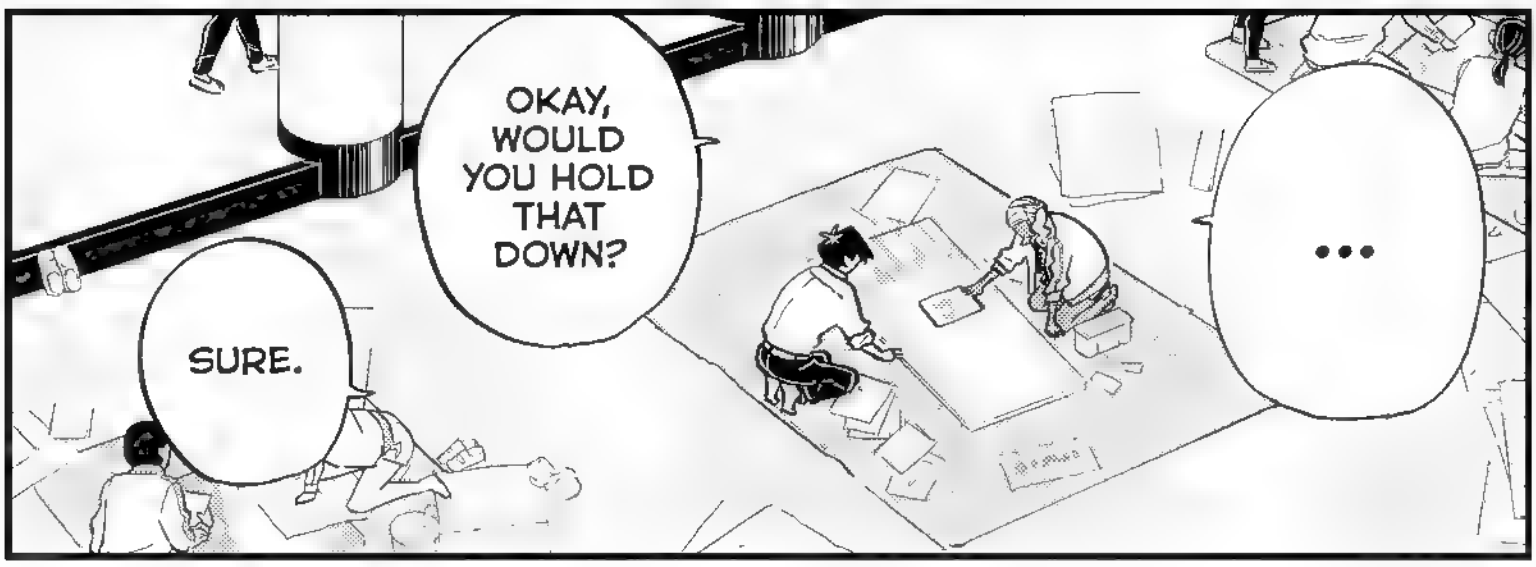

Communication 222: Culture Festival Promise

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...

...

...WHAT'RE YOU DOING DURING THE FESTIVAL?

SO, UH...

!

HOW ABOUT YOU, MANBAGI?

I'LL HAND OUT TICKETS AND STUFF.

I'LL DRAW IN AUDIENCE MEM-BERS.

?

WELL, IF YOU HAVE EXTRA TIME...

...UM ...

...

...

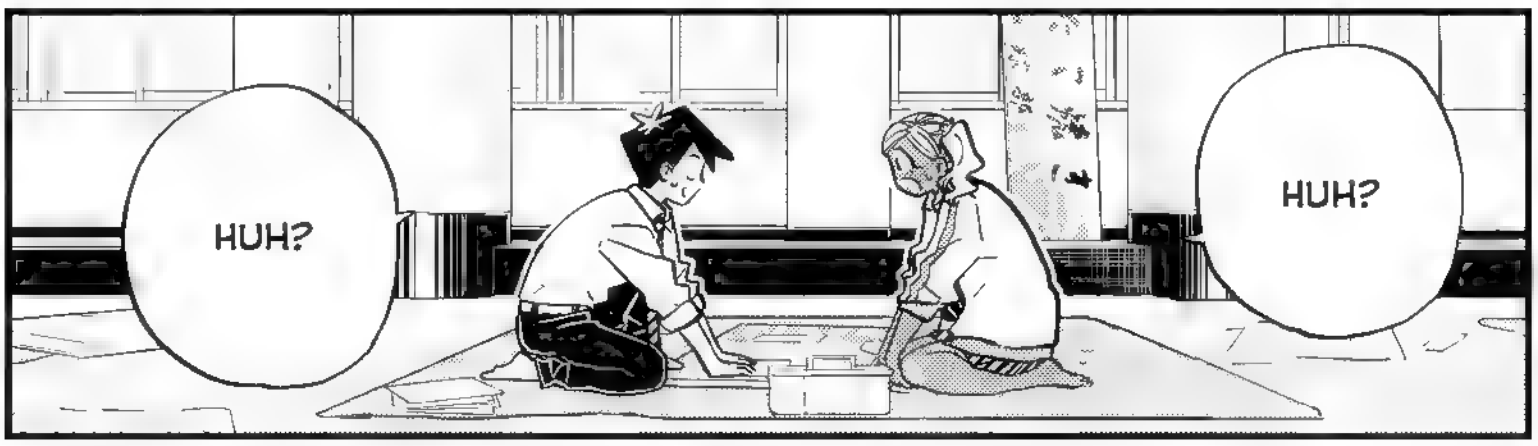
...

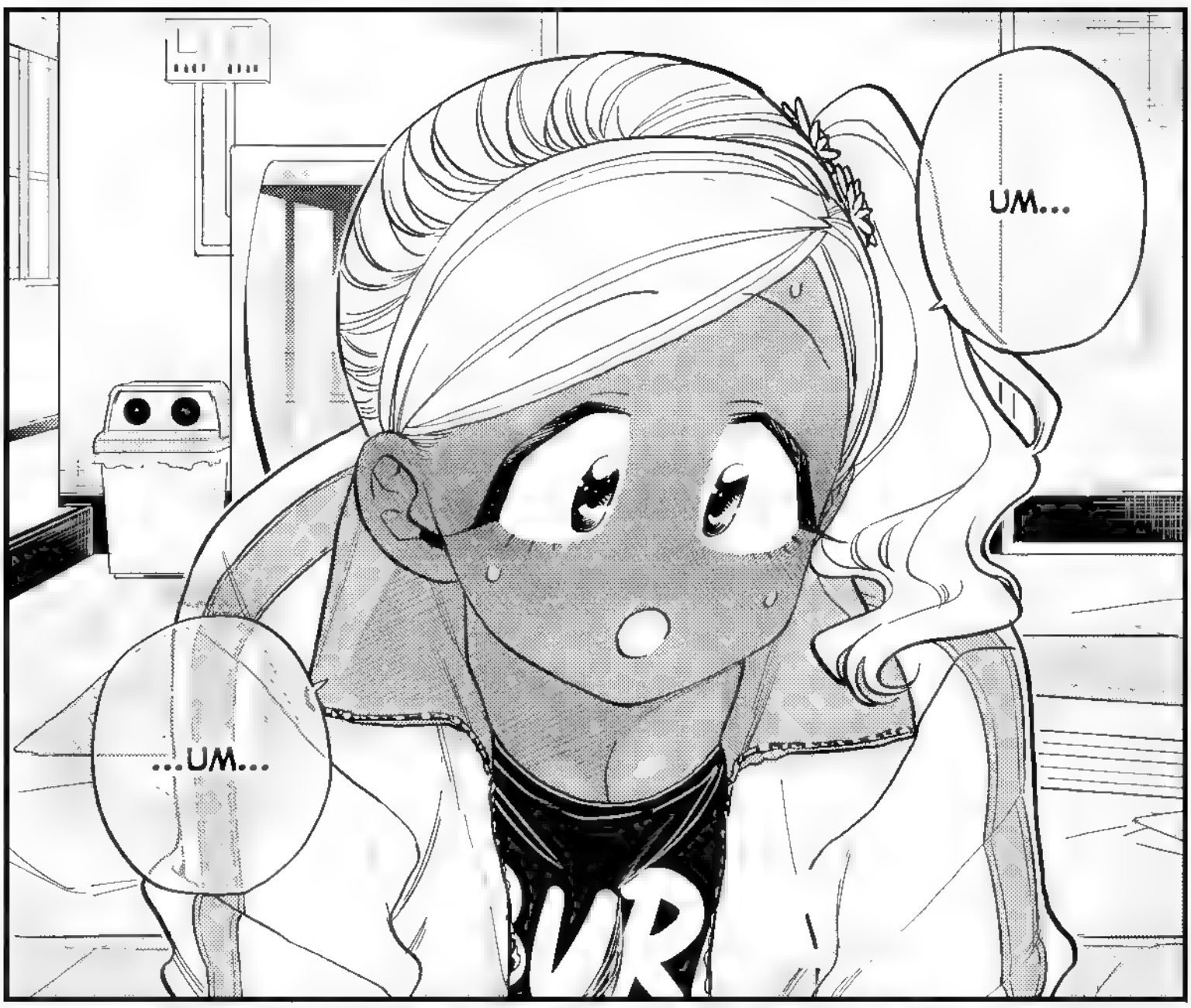
...

...WANNA WALK AROUND THE FESTIVAL ...

... TOGETH-ER?

OKAY, SOUNDS GOOD.





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?!
LET'S GET RID OF KOMI.

!
...WOULD YOU MIND TAKING A DIFFERENT ROLE?
OOPS. WHAT I MEANT WAS...
ME?!
...MANBAGI WOULD BE A PERFECT FIT!
...SO MAYBE, UM...
THE PRINCESS IN THIS PLAY IS SOCIABLE AND EXPRES-SIVE...
!
...MAYBE KOMI CAN BE THE PRINCESS IN THIS ONE!
THE COLD-BLOODED PRINCESS (WORKING TITLE)
AND SINCE IT WOULD BE EXHAUSTING FOR THIS CAST TO DO THE SAME PERFOR-MANCE BACK-TO-BACK...
ME?!
AND TADANO CAN STAR OPPOSITE HER!
KOMI WILL BE GREAT IN THIS!
SOME PEOPLE MIGHT COME TWICE!
GOOD IDEA. WE CAN ALTERNATE PERFOR-MANCES.
DID YOU WRITE THAT, TAKARA-ZUKA?

Communication 223: Culture Festival, Day 1

THERE ONCE WAS A PEACEFUL KINGDOM...

EMO!

PERFORMANCE
THE COLD BLOODED PRINCESS
WONDERFUL
-SUFFER MY WAVE MOTION PARTICLE GUN!-

...COULD MAKE HER SMILE.

...AND IN IT LIVED A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS.

BUT NEITHER GEMS NOR JESTERS...

THE PEOPLE FOUND HER DISCON-CERTING...

PW

AH

WHO

AA

...AND CALLED HER THE COLD-BLOODED PRINCESS.

YAWWWWWWWWN
WHEW! I F-FINISHED MY DELIVERY TO THE CASTLE...
...SO I'LL ENJOY THE CASTLE GARDEN.
Heh heh...
TWITCH
HE LOOKS SUPER NERVOUS!!
Class-mates
PHEW
...
KOMI... ULP...
LIKE A REAL PRIN-CESS!
BUT LOOK AT KOMI ...
SHE'S DREAMY!
SHE'S SO PRETTY!

W-WOULD YOU SHOW ME THE GARDEN?
...
...
YOU LIVE IN THE CASTLE, RIGHT?
UM, GREET-INGS.
...
OH...
...ARE YOU MAKING A CROWN OF WHITE CLOVER?
...
?
...
...
(audience)
OHHHHH
What a lively audience!
...THE COLD-HEARTED PRINCESS COULD NOT SPEAK.
HOWEVER...

MAY I SEE IT A MOMENT?

I'LL WEAVE IT TIGHTER.

!

AH HA HA! THAT LOOKS A BIT SCRAGGLY.

RUSTLE RUSTLE

THERE. ALL DONE.

FWUFF

!

!!

FWOOOSH

!!

!!

Brava!

...WHOM EVERYONE FOUND DISCON-CERTING.

SHE THOUGHT HE HAD RECOGNIZED HER AS THE PRINCESS ...

BWA HA HA HA

...AND HAD SIMPLY BEEN FLOORED BY HER BEAUTY.

...SO HE HAD NOT RECOG-NIZED HER...

BUT THE YOUTH WAS A COMMONER WHO HAD ONLY EVER SEEN THE PRINCESS FROM A DISTANCE...

...HE FOUND THE PRINCESS IN THE GARDEN.

AFTER THAT, WHENEVER THE YOUTH VISITED THE CASTLE...

DESPITE HER SILENCE, THEY BECAME FAST FRIENDS.

...AND SOMETIMES EVEN LEFT THE GARDEN.

...AND PLAYED HIDE-AND-SEEK...

THEY MADE CLOVER CROWNS TOGETHER ...

AH HA HA

WHAT THE-?!

THEN THEY PLAYED BEYBLADE WITH THE TOWNSFOLK.

AHHAHA

...AND WERE SIMPLY FLOORED BY HER BEAUTY.

...SO THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE HER...

THE COMMONERS HAD ONLY EVER SEEN HER FROM A DISTANCE...

...BEGAN TO BRIGHTEN IN DEMEANOR.

GRADUALLY, THE COLD-HEARTED PRINCESS...

!

BUMP!

THEN ONE DAY...

HUNNNH?

!!

BOW BOW

!!

Huuunh?

YIKES! I'M SO NER-VOUS!

Town Ruffian

D-DID YOU BUMP INTA ME WIDDOUT APOLO-GIZIN'?

Hunh?

HUNH?

HWUP

B-BUT SHE BOWED. ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

SORRY, TADANO!!

SHUV

Shut up!

YOU STAY OUTTA THIS!

GYAAAH

GYAAAH

Audience

Crying like babies

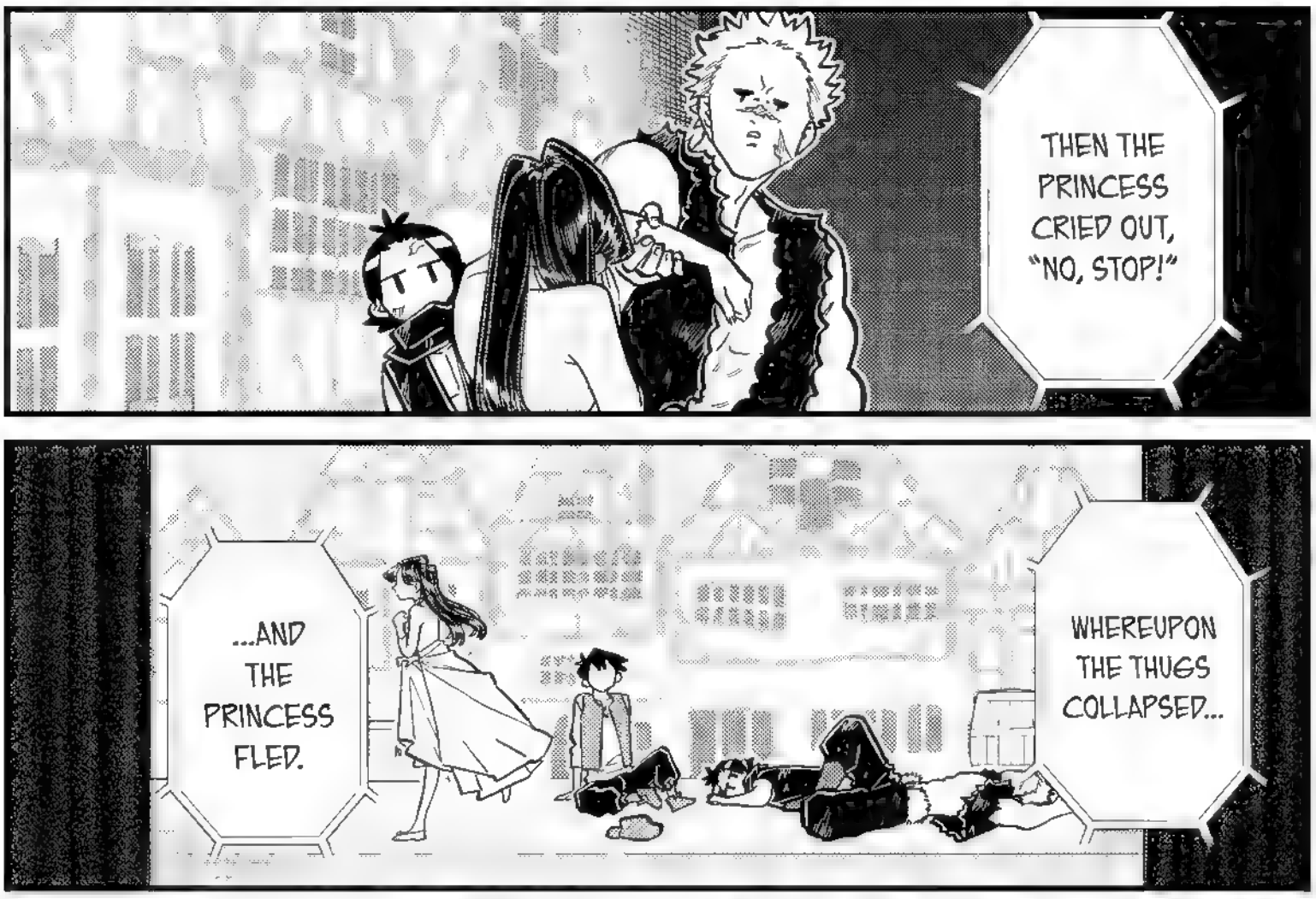
HE'S HORRIFY-ING!!

Yeah, yeah!

Katai

SORRY, MASTER!

N-NOW YOU GOTTA PAY BIG TIME!


THEN THE PRINCESS CRIED OUT, "NO, STOP!"
...AND THE PRINCESS FLED.
WHEREUPON THE THUGS COLLAPSED...
THE COLD-HEARTED PRINCESS HAD SPOKEN.
...DUE TO INCESSANT RAIN.
FOR TWO MONTHS, SHE COULD NOT MEET HIM IN THE GARDEN...

...AND THE PRINCESS WOULD GAZE UPON HIM LONGINGLY FROM HER WINDOW.

YET THE YOUTH WOULD COME EVERY DAY...

KSHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

THEN AT LAST...

...HE READ HER WORDS ON A SOAKED PARCHMENT.

"...SO YOU MUST NOT COME AGAIN."

"I'M AFRAID OF HURTING YOU TOO..."

"I AM CURSED SO THAT MY VOICE HARMS ALL WHO HEAR ME SPEAK HARSH WORDS."

NOD

!

...AND "HATE" AND "NO, STOP!" LIKE YOU SAID BEFORE?

DO YOU MEAN WORDS LIKE "FOOL"...

...

...

OKAY, I UNDER-STAND.

THEN IF YOU SPEAK WORDS OF JOY...

...ALL WHO HEAR WILL BE JOYOUS!

!

...

I...

NEXT! THE N- S S !!

SOME-ONE DID THE VOICE FOR HER.

SHE SPEAKS NEXT.

Actually, lip syncs.

...IT IS SO.

I DON'T KNOW WHY...

...I CAN SPEAK WORDS OF JOY MY WHOLE LIFE LONG.

BUT WHEN I AM WITH YOU, I FEEL AS IF...

HUH?

I...
...LIKE YOU.

PWAH H HH

...FOR LIGHT FLOODED THE REALM.

PERHAPS IT WAS HER VOICE THAT STOPPED THE RAIN...

HUH? UM...

...

AH HA HA

...THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

..BUT THEY'RE TOO SHY FOR THAT, SO ANYWAY...

THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO KISS NOW...

THUS THE STORY ENDS!

Kiss!

AH HA HA

"AND I ENJOY OUR TIME TOGETHER."

AND... OUR TIME ... TOGETHER

AND ENJOY "HE'S KIND AND RELIABLE AND COOL."

Getting light-headed

... SO

"HE SPOKE TO ME AT THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY."

...AT THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY

...

SHE TALKED

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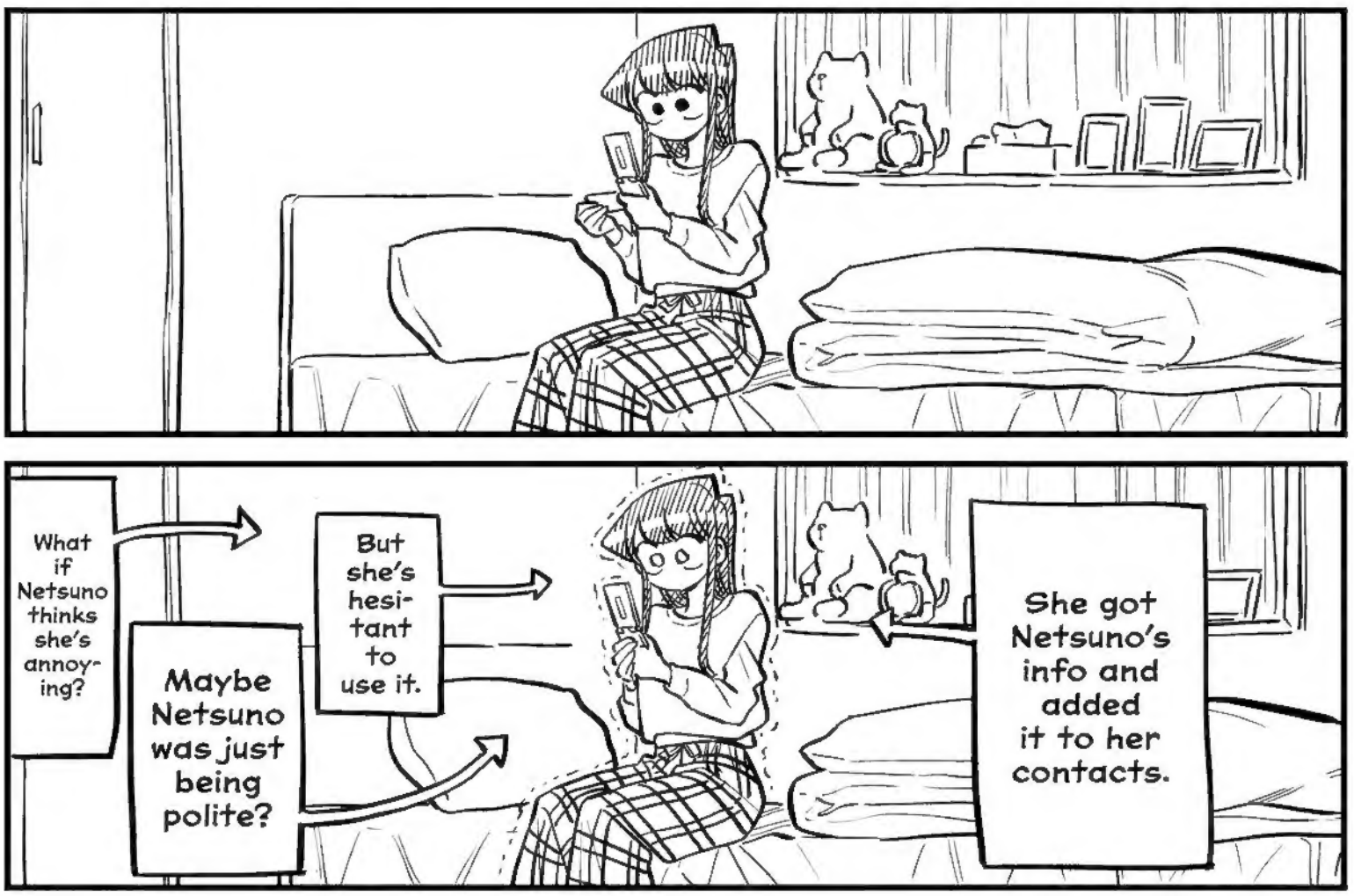
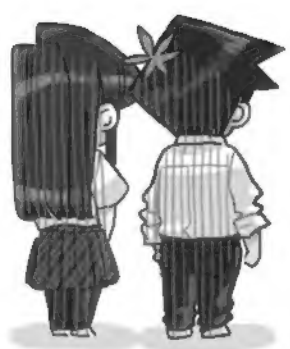

What if Netsuno thinks she's annoying?
Maybe Netsuno was just being polite?
But she's hesitant to use it.
She got Netsuno's info and added it to her contacts.

?!
They started jogging together.
Only 65 to go!
THE OTHER DAY, I PUT OOTHPICKS ON MY YELASHES O SEE HOW ANY COULD
?!
PUSH-UPS ARE GOOD FOR THAT!
IT'S TOO BAD YOU AREN'T IN SPORTS. NO TIME IS TOO SOON!
YOU FEELING STRESSED ?
?!
?!
WHEN DO YA WANNA RACE? NOW? NOW, RIGHT?
HELLO? KOMI? ARE YOU THERE? NAJIMI GAVE ME YOUR NUMBER.



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